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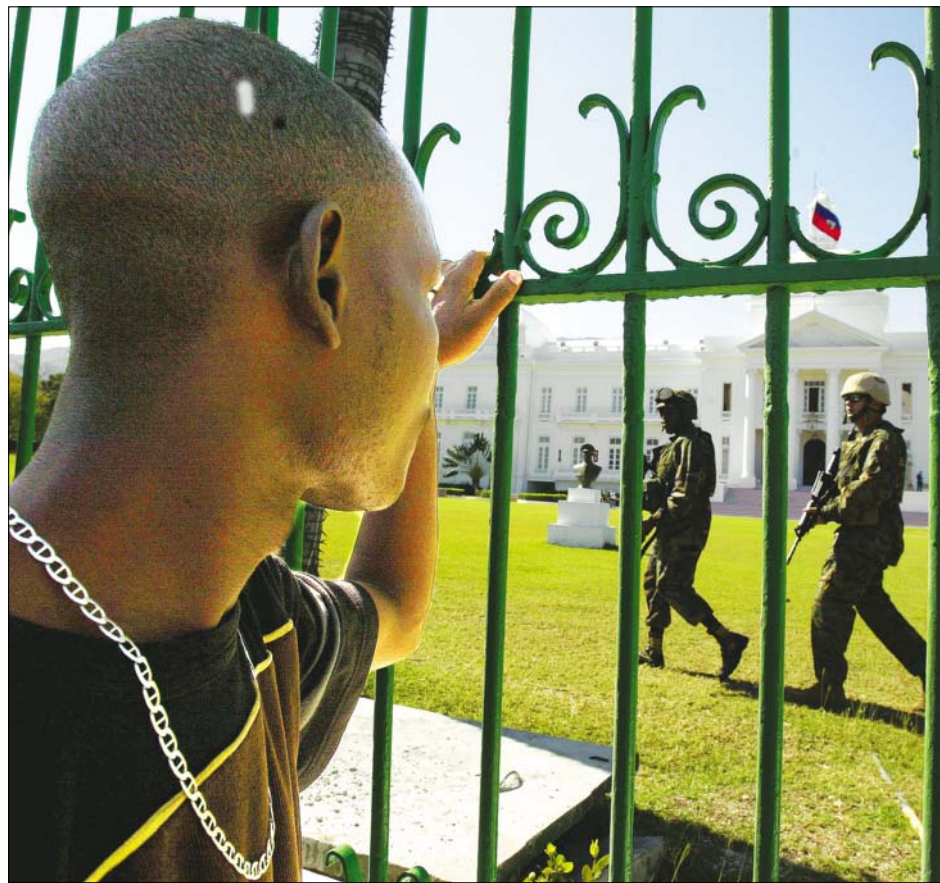
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PALACE GUARDED: U.S. Marines patrol the grounds of the presidential palace in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on Monday. The troops are part of an international force sent to restore order after weeks of violence.

Aristide Blames U.S.

White House denies charge troops forced him to flee

WASHINGTON | The Bush administration insisted Monday that Haiti's exiled president was not kidnapped or strong-armed into fleeing, despite Jean-Bertrand Aristide's claims that the U.S. military forced him to leave.

White House officials said Aristide left office willingly on Sunday and that the United States aided his safe departure. But in a telephone interview with The Associated Press, Aristide said: "No. I was forced to leave."

"Agents were telling me that if I don't leave they would start shooting and killing

in a matter of time," Aristide said. Asked to identify the "agents," Aristide said: "White American, white military."

The administration did make clear to Aristide that he could not count on U.S. protection from rebels threatening to storm the presidential palace and kill him, officials said.

"He was not kidnapped," Secretary of State Colin Powell said. "We did not force him on to the airplane. He went on to the airplane willingly, and that's the truth."

Meanwhile, the Pentagon said as many as 2,000 U.S. troops could be sent to Haiti to help curb the ongoing violence. **DEB RIECHMANN (AP)**

Kerry Aims To Clinch It In a Sweep

10-state Super Tuesday may decide race for nomination

WASHINGTON | John Kerry vowed that he would not be another "wishy-washy, mealy-mouthed" Democrat, pledging Monday to wage a bare-knuckled campaign against President George W. Bush as he sought a Super Tuesday sweep to lay claim to the party's nomination.

On the eve of their 10-state showdown, John Edwards faced signs of political distress as Kerry's last major Democratic rival in the race for the party's nomination — meager polling, paltry crowds and a growing realization inside his own ranks that the end may be near.

"At some point, I've got to start getting more delegates or I'm not going to be the nominee," Edwards said at a news conference in Toledo, Ohio.

Kerry has won 18 of 20 primaries or caucuses, and led in pre-election polls in every competitive venue that will hold votes on what has been dubbed Super Tuesday. Ten states, including Maryland, will award 1,151 delegates on the biggest day of the race.

A sweep Tuesday could give Kerry more than 1,500 delegates — a virtually insurmountable lead, though still short of the 2,162 needed to claim the party's nomination.

Regardless of Tuesday's results, Bush plans to begin a multimillion-dollar TV ad campaign this week to reverse his downward trend. **RON FOURNIER (AP)** ♦ **Final push:** Kerry, Edwards tour Super Tuesday states | Page 3



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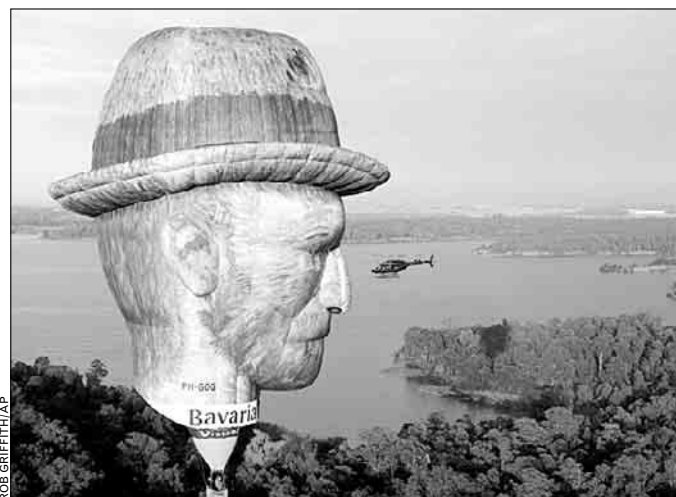
Kerry

RELIGION | A Pint and a Prayer After years of teetotalism, Britain's Methodist Church is hitting the pubs. The church, which does not even allow wine at communion services, has had 250,000 drink mats printed for distribution in watering holes across Britain.



Designed to appeal to young drinkers, they carry slogans like "stop war," "reduce emissions," "eat more doughnuts," and "never give out your password" to promote a church competition for drinkers under 40 to think up an 11th commandment. **(AP) EyeOpeners** | Page 2

EyeOpeners



ROB GRIFFITH/AP

IN THE AIR Van Gone

Vincent van Gogh is a towering figure in the world of art, creator of thousands of renowned paintings, sketches and drawings. But it seems that it's only now that he's getting a big head about it. A Dutch-based hot-air balloon in the shape of Van Gogh's head, seen here over Sydney on Monday, will be one of the lighter-than-air crafts entered into this year's Canberra Balloon Festival in Australia. The festival begins Saturday and lasts until March 15. (EXPRESS)

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS One Giant Leap

For a guy who just turned 25, Jacob Foos doesn't look a day over 100. He was born on Leap Day 1904. So on Sunday

the 100-year-old Foos celebrated his birthday for only the 25th time. Foos is a retired farmer, who now lives in a Scottsbluff, Neb., nursing home. He says he never expected to make it to

100. He credits his longevity to clean living, since he never smoked or drank much. It also could be due to hard work: Foos says he used to shovel 50 tons of beets a day on the farm. (AP)

ANIMAL WATCH Seasonal Stench

Spring is in the air — and it stinks. While the groundhog may receive more attention, some Indiana residents say skunks are the true heralds of spring. Perhaps that's because in spring a young skunk's fancy turns to thoughts of other skunks. Male skunks travel more as the weather improves to seek mates. And to a skunk seeking a new den, an accessible basement may be irresistible. "This is the time of year we hear a lot of reports of skunk sightings and skunk spraying because they're out doing their business," Elkhart, Ind., veterinarian Jerry Sellon said. (AP)



LAW Cop Contest

A contest between two police officers in a small Georgia town to see which one could issue the most traffic tickets was stopped by a judge who overheard the apparent winner talking

about it, the mayor said. Part-time Porterdale, Ga., police officers Erin Cox and Frank Jackson wrote about 150 tickets in January, which was significantly higher than in previous months, Mayor Paul Oeland said. Both officers were asked to resign by Friday by City Manager Tom Fox, Oeland said. They had been with the department less than a year, he said. (AP)

MOVIES The Passion Of the Antichrist?

Tickets at a Rome, Ga., movie theater screening Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" are being deemed decidedly unholy. The number 666, which many Christians recognize as the "mark of the beast," is appearing on movie tickets for Gibson's film at a

Georgia theater, drawing complaints from some moviegoers. The machine that prints tickets assigned the number 666 as a prefix on all the tickets for the film, said Gary Smith, owner of the Movies at Berry Square in northwest Georgia. In the Bible, the book of Revelation says 666 is the "number of the beast," usually interpreted as Satan or the Antichrist. (AP)

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In Brief

YAZOO CITY, MISS.

Relative Charged With Killing Missing Couple, Child

A relative of a family of three who vanished on Valentine's Day was charged with murder Monday as authorities searched a wooded area near the suspect's home for any trace of the family. Earnest Lee Hargon is accused of killing Michael Hargon, his wife, Rebecca, and their 4-year-old son, James Patrick. Authorities said the bodies had not been found, but prosecutor James Powell said the evidence showed that the family was dead. (AP)

PANAMA CITY, FLA.

Blue Cross to Stop Covering Gastric Bypass Surgery in Fla.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida says it will stop covering gastric bypass surgery, the obesity fighting operation also known as stomach stapling, by the end of the year. The company says safety is the main reason it will drop the \$30,000 surgery, which is considered a last resort for morbidly obese people. About three in every 1,000 patients die and up to 20 percent of patients return to the hospital for a second procedure, said Dr. Robert Forster, the company's chief medical officer and vice president for health care services. (AP)

DALLAS

Anger, Hostility Linked to Higher Stroke Risk in Men

Hotheaded men who explode with anger seem to be at greater risk of having a stroke or dying, new research shows. Their risk is even greater than men who are simply stressed-out Type A personalities. Angry women, on the other hand, don't run as high a risk of having a stroke or heart problems, according to a study released Monday in the American Heart Association journal Circulation. (AP)

NATION

Snow Closes Roads in West

Heavy snow blown by wind up to 45 mph closed hundreds of miles of highways Monday in South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado and Nebraska, shutting down schools and at least one city government. More than a foot of snow fell in parts of Wyoming, and snow drifted onto roads in South Dakota on Monday as fast as plows could clear them. (AP)

Kerry, Edwards Ready for 10-State Brawl

Front-runner takes aim at Bush's policies, N.C. senator fights long odds

WASHINGTON | During the final campaign push ahead of Tuesday's 10-state Democratic primary binge, John Kerry continued his assault on President Bush's policies, while chief rival John Edwards vowed to keep his underdog campaign alive.

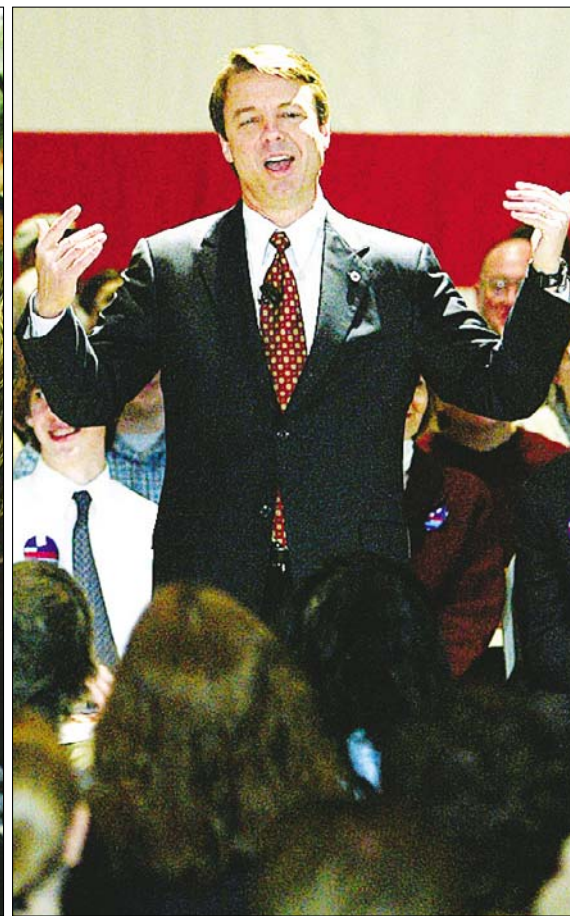
"There's a better way to make America safe than this president has chosen," Kerry said in Baltimore before traveling to Ohio and Georgia, just two of the states he hopes to win in a Super Tuesday sweep. "This president has, in fact, created terrorists where they did not exist."

A spokesman for the Bush campaign, Steve Schmidt, responded: "After voting to cut the weapons systems and intelligence capabilities that are helping us win the war, Kerry made the reckless claim that America is at fault for 'creating terrorists' — this is an irresponsible charge totally unsubstantiated by the facts."

Edwards, meanwhile, drew 300 people in Ohio to a rally at the University of Toledo, three times fewer than a crowd that welcomed Kerry recently to the same venue. The North Carolina senator pledged to stay in the race "until I'm nominated," but he declined to predict victory in Ohio, virtually a must-win state for him, as he acknowledged Kerry's dominance.



KERRY: JIM BOURG/REUTERS; EDWARDS: RICK WILKING/REUTERS



AS GOES OHIO ...: Sen. John Kerry shakes hands at Ohio State University in Columbus on Monday, while Sen. John Edwards addressed a crowd at the University of Toledo. Ohio is one of the battleground states Edwards must win to stymie Kerry's bid.

Edwards virtually ceded four New England states holding Super Tuesday elections: Connecticut, Rhode Island, Vermont and the front-runner's home state of Massachusetts.

He has campaigned in New York and California, the day's biggest prizes

with a combined 606 delegates, but polls show Edwards trailing badly.

Edwards advisers privately held out hope for victories in Georgia and Minnesota's hard-to-predict cau-

cuses, but they said Ohio looked out of reach, with long-shot candidate Rep. Dennis Kucinich of Ohio cutting into Edwards's base.

RON FOURNIER (AP)



Super Tuesday: Live coverage of the evening's election returns and analysis from political correspondent Terry Neal | Tonight on washingtonpost.com

VANDALISM | BROKEN



MARK GUSS/TAMPA TRIBUNE/AP

RUINED: Police officer Kurt Zamor surveys damaged windows in Clearwater, Fla. The windows, which many thought bore a likeness of the Virgin Mary, were found broken on Monday.

Catholic Group Must Cover Birth Control

Calif. high court rules charity can't claim religious exemption

SAN FRANCISCO | A Roman Catholic charitable organization must include birth control coverage in its health care plan for workers even though it is morally opposed to contraception, the California Supreme Court ruled Monday.

The 6-1 ruling could reach far beyond the 183 full-time employees of Catholic Charities and affect thousands of workers at Catholic hospitals and other church-backed

institutions throughout the state.

The high court said Catholic Charities is no different from other businesses in California, which is one of 20 states that require company-provided health plans to include contraception coverage if the plans have prescription drug benefits. In California, "religious employers" such as churches are exempt from the requirement.

The charity doesn't offer insurance to pay for birth control because it follows Roman Catholic Church dogma, which considers contraception a sin. The charity argued

unsuccessfully that it should be exempted from state law along with the church.

The Supreme Court ruled that the charity is not a religious employer because it offers such secular services as counseling, low-income housing and immigration services to the public without directly preaching about Catholic values.

Catholic Charities had a \$76 million budget in California in 2002 and provided social services to persons of any religion or background. It does not demand that its workers be Catholic or share the church's philosophy. PAUL ELIAS (AP)

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Okla. City Bomb Trial Begins

Jury selection starts in case of man suspected of plotting deadly blast

MCALISTER, OKLA. | Jury selection began Monday in the murder trial of Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols after the judge refused to postpone proceedings while the FBI reviews whether investigators suppressed evidence of a wider conspiracy.

Nichols, already serving a life sentence on federal charges for his role in the bombing, could get the death penalty if convicted of the state charges.

It was expected to take two weeks to select 12 jurors and six alternates.

Earlier Monday, District Judge Steven Taylor rejected a defense request to postpone the trial pending an FBI review of some aspects of the bombing investigation.

After disclosures in an Associated Press story last week, the FBI on Friday ordered agents to determine why some documents did not properly reach the bureau's Oklahoma City task force during the original investigation. The documents concern the question of whether there may have been accomplices in addition to Timothy McVeigh.

Prosecutors allege that Nichols and McVeigh built the 4,000-pound fertilizer-and-fuel-oil bomb that destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in 1995 to avenge the FBI siege at Waco, Texas, two years earlier.

Nichols's attorneys say that there is evidence of a wider conspiracy and that Nichols was set up by unknown conspirators to take the blame. McVeigh was convicted on federal murder charges and executed in 2001.

Nichols faces 161 counts of first-degree murder for the deaths of the 160 other victims and the unborn child of one victim. **TIM TALLEY (AP)**

EDUCATION | SEUSS IS LOOSE



HATS, BUT NO CATS: First graders at the Haggerty School in Cambridge, Mass., listen to a Dr. Seuss story on Monday, a day before the seventh annual Read Across America Day. Some 45 million children and adults across the country are expected to participate by picking up a book. March 2 also would have been Dr. Seuss's 100th birthday.

Court to Weigh Segregation in Prisons

WASHINGTON | Fifty years after the Supreme Court declared racial segregation unconstitutional in public schools, the court agreed Monday to consider whether state prisons may separate new inmates by race as a safety measure.

California routinely assigns newly arrived black prisoners to bunk only with other black prisoners for three months or more, and likewise assigns white and Asian inmates to cells with others of their race or ethnicity.

A black prison inmate challenged the practice as a violation of his constitutional right to equal treatment. Garrison S. Johnson also argued the policy flouts previous Supreme Court rulings striking down segregation in other areas.

Prison officials say housing inmates by race helps keep prisoners safe from racial violence, and note that wardens also look at factors such as an inmate's age and health in deciding who rooms with whom.

Segregation is temporary, California Attorney General Bill Lockyer told the Supreme Court in a court filing, and the policy applies only to the two-person cells in which inmates stay when they first enter the prison system or when they are transferred from one prison to another.

Johnson is serving a sentence for murder, robbery and assault.

The San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled against Johnson last year. **ANNE GEARAN (AP)**

In Brief

AUSTRALIA

P.M. Orders Second Inquiry Into Pre-War Claims on Iraq

Prime Minister John Howard ordered a fresh investigation into prewar intelligence on Iraq, despite a parliamentary report Monday that broadly cleared his government of exaggerating the threat of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. The report said Canberra was "more moderate" than Britain and the United States in its claims about the threat before invading Iraq. (AP)

RUSSIA

U.S. Turns Over 7 Russian Detainees Held at Cuba Base

The United States has turned over seven Russian citizens who were being held at the U.S. detention center at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, U.S. and Russian officials said Monday. The detainees were turned over on Saturday under an agreement reached earlier by Washington and Moscow, Russia's Foreign Ministry said. They were captured in Afghanistan and accused of fighting alongside the Taliban. (AP)

THAILAND

Government to Reconsider Disputed Nightclub Curfew

The government said Monday it would reconsider enforcing a new law that had called for the country's infamous nightspots to close at midnight, two hours earlier than normal. The curfew was part of a government effort to change the country's well-entrenched image as a raunchy paradise for sex tourists. But the move outraged business owners and those in the entertainment industry who said it threatened their livelihood. (AP)

EUROPE

French, Swiss Astronomers Detect Farthest Galaxy Ever

French and Swiss astronomers say they have detected the farthest galaxy ever observed, a glimmer that dates back to when the universe was still in its infancy. The galaxy, dubbed Abell 1835 IR1916, is 13.23 billion light-years from Earth. Previously, the farthest-known galaxy, a discovery that was announced in February, was roughly 13 billion light-years from Earth. The galaxy is at least 10 times smaller than the Milky Way, researchers said. (AP)

Iraqis Get New, Liberal Constitution

After two months of wrangling, a picture of the future emerges

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Under the interim constitution approved Monday, Iraq will be a federalist state with a prime minister who runs the country's daily affairs and a president who can launch a war — but only with the approval of parliament.

Iraq's U.S.-picked Governing Council spent two months wrestling with the interim constitution, which will become the law of the land for a year or more until an elected national assembly writes a permanent one.

The precedent-setting con-

stitution, which is to be signed by top American administrator L. Paul Bremer and made public Wednesday, has been described as one of the most liberal in the region.

Some aspects, such as the goal of a parliament with women as 25 percent of its members, were declared even more progressive than those in the United States.

The charter does not say what kind of government will run the country after June 30, when the U.S.-led coalition hands over power to Iraqis. Council member Adnan Pachachi said the form of the new administration will be included in an annex to the interim constitution once agreement is reached.

JIM KRANE (AP)

AT A GLANCE: THE INTERIM CONSTITUTION

A look at how key issues were handled, according to Iraqi Governing Council officials and occupation authorities:

ELECTIONS: The charter calls for elections to be held before Jan. 31, 2005, to create a national assembly that will form a government and approve a permanent constitution.

GOVERNMENT: The government will be made up of a president and two deputies, who will choose a prime minister and Cabinet. Decisions by the president and his deputies must be unanimous.

ISLAM: The charter says Islam is the official religion and will be a

source of future legislation, but not the only one.

BILL OF RIGHTS: The charter has a 13-article bill of rights with protections for freedom of speech, religious expression and due process.

FEDERALISM: It establishes a federal system and allows Iraq's 18 provinces to decide among themselves whether to join to form federal regions. The distribution of power between the national and regional levels is still being worked out.

Civics lessons: The rigorously secular leaders of Baghdad's Union of the Unemployed say it's a model of civic life in Iraq | Today's Post: Section A



ROUSING WELCOME: Supporters greet Louis-Jodel Chamblain, one of the rebel leaders, in the Haitian capital on Monday.

Haitian Rebels Enter Port-au-Prince

U.S., French troops secure key sites around city

PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI | Thousands of residents cheering the ouster of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide greeted a rebel convoy in the capital Monday with shouts of "Liberty!" as U.S. Marines and French troops secured key sites around the city.

Dozens of insurgents packing an eclectic array of weapons swarmed around a posh hotel, where rebel leader Guy Philippe met with members of the political opposition.

Earlier Monday, Philippe said he planned to make preparations for the new president, former Supreme Court Chief Justice Boniface Alexandre, to assume office.

"We're just going to make sure the palace is clean for the president to come," Philippe said.

But a half-dozen U.S. Marines

guarded the National Palace at the Champs de Mars plaza, and the rebels did not approach. Philippe — a former provincial police chief and an army officer — instead went to the nearby police headquarters.

In the capital, there were reports of reprisal killings of militant Aristide supporters who had been accused of terrorizing people during his rule. PAISLEY DODDS (AP)

Out for revenge: Witnesses said Haitian police operating alongside armed civilians killed several people in slums where residents are loyal to Aristide | Today's Post: Section A

Drug Trade Booming in Afghanistan

Opium cultivation near highest levels ever, State Department says

WASHINGTON | Opium poppy cultivation levels in Afghanistan approached the highest levels ever recorded last year despite the counterdrug efforts of the U.S.-backed government, U.S. officials said.

Opium poppy is the raw material for heroin.

The State Department's annual report on illicit drug activities worldwide said criminal financiers and narcotics traffickers in and out of Afghanistan have taken advantage of ongoing conflict and the fragile security situation.

They have "exploited poor farmers in a rural economy decimated by war and drought," the report said. It said drug-related corruption at the provincial and district levels is believed to be pervasive.

Robert Charles, the State Department's top counter-narcotics official, said Monday that Afghan President Hamid Karzai should not be held responsible for the situation, saying his commitment to curbing drug trafficking is "rock-solid." (AP)

World

EU Slaps Trade Sanctions on U.S.

\$300 million in tariffs to be levied against American companies

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM | The European Union sought to pressure the United States into quickly changing its export subsidy laws by imposing sanctions Monday that could total \$300 million by the end of this presidential election year.

The tariffs penalize the United States for failing to repeal the Foreign Sales Corporation legislation, a tax break that is worth \$5 billion a year to U.S. exporters. It was declared illegal by the World Trade Organization two years ago.

The sanctions will hit an array of

industries, ranging from jewelry to agricultural goods. U.S. companies will have to pay an estimated \$16.6 million in March, rising to \$46.4 million by December for a total of \$315 million this year.

The measures mark the first time the 15-nation EU has used WTO rules to impose sanctions on the United States. However, they are much less than the \$4 billion the WTO has authorized.

Washington has used WTO rules to impose trade sanctions on EU goods. In a dispute over European restrictions on beef treated with growth hormones, the United States has imposed sanctions since 1999 worth \$116 million a year. **RAF CASERT (AP)**



A protestor carries molotov cocktails past a burning barricade in Caracas as government foes clashed with National Guard troops for the fourth day in a row Monday.

Putin Puts Unknown In Top Post

Russian leader names EU envoy to P.M. seat, surprising observers

MOSCOW | President Vladimir Putin nominated Russia's little-known envoy to the European Union on Monday to be the new prime minister, apparently seeking someone with little political ambition of his own to push through sensitive economic reforms.

The nomination of Mikhail Fradkov came six days after Putin's surprise dismissal of Prime Minister Mikhail Kasyanov and his Cabinet, less than three weeks before the presidential election.

His choice of Fradkov, the former foreign trade minister and head of the tax police, was just as startling. "If Putin wanted to surprise people, he definitely succeeded," said analyst Masha Lipman of the Carnegie Endowment.

Putin nominated the 53-year-old technocrat during a meeting with leading lawmakers from the dominant pro-Kremlin party, United Russia. The necessary approval from the State Duma, the lower house of parliament, is ensured because United Russia holds more than 300 seats in the 450-member lower legislative chamber.

VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV (AP)

Virtual unknown: Fradkov wasn't on anyone's public list of potential candidates | Today's Post: Section A

IRAN | RITUALS



REENACTMENT: Iranians chant religious slogans and beat themselves with iron chains inside Tehran's bazaar during the Shiite Ashura festival on Monday. Ashura commemorates the death of the Shiite Muslim saint Imam Hussein, a grandson of the prophet Muhammad. It ends Tuesday.

Protests Intensify Over Effort to Recall Chavez

CARACAS, VENEZUELA | For the fourth day in a row, hundreds of government foes demanding a recall referendum for President Hugo Chavez clashed Monday with National Guard troops firing tear gas and rubber bullets. One soldier was wounded by gunfire, authorities said.

At least one person has been killed since the protests began Friday. Troops sporadically have inundated rock-throwing protesters with tear gas to stop what officials call "terrorist" acts.

Opposition leaders called the dis-

obedience campaign to demand that election officials approve a presidential recall petition presented in December.

The National Elections Council is deciding on the authenticity of more than 3.4 million signatures opponents say they turned in to demand the vote. The council postponed a decision Sunday after street clashes but was expected to formally declare that hundreds of thousands of citizens need to verify they signed the petition — a process that would further delay any recall.

JUAN PABLO TORO (AP)

Shift Urged for S. Korea Foreign Policy

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA | President Roh Moo-hyun called Monday for a foreign policy more independent of the United States.

"Whether we are pro-U.S. or anti-U.S. cannot be the yardstick to assess ourselves," Roh said in a nationally televised address.

Roh's comments came two days after six-nation talks ended in Beijing without major break-

throughs on how to end the crisis over North Korea's nuclear weapons programs. He described North Korea as a country that "defies common sense in many aspects," but is "part of the Korean nation that we must embrace."

While campaigning for president, Roh said he would not "kowtow" to the United States, a traditional ally that led U.N. forces to

defend South Korea in the 1950-53 Korean War. The message resonated with the country's young postwar generations and helped Roh into office.

Still, the position unnerves many South Koreans. Hours after Roh's speech, thousands of conservative Christians and Korean War veterans rallied in Seoul and denounced "pro-North Korean and left-wing forces" that "spawn anti-U.S. sentiments." **SANG-HUN CHOE (AP)**

Report Blasts Egypt Over Gay Abuses

CAIRO, EGYPT | Egyptian authorities have entrapped, arrested and tortured hundreds of men thought to be gay, New York-based Human Rights Watch said in a report Monday.

Early last year, the rights group interviewed 63 men who had been arrested for homosexual conduct. It said they spoke of being whipped, bound and suspended in painful positions, burned with cigarettes

and shocked with electricity.

The report said police agents answer personal ads placed by men seeking men, then arrange meetings with them and arrest them.

At a news conference, Human Rights Watch accused the government of ignoring its own declarations to the United Nations and the European Union that homosexuality is legal in Egypt. **(AP)**



A Coast Guard patrol boat approaches a fire-charred life boat from the sunken tanker Bow Mariner as it searches for survivors off the coast of Virginia on Sunday.

Coast Guard Abandons Hope for Tanker Victims

NORFOLK, VA. | With the hope of finding more survivors gone, the Coast Guard stopped searching Monday afternoon for 18 crewmen missing after a tanker carrying industrial ethanol exploded and sank.

Although the search was suspended, the 570-foot Bow Mariner's 18 other crewmen are officially considered missing because their bodies have not been found, said Petty Officer Donnie Brzuska, a Coast Guard spokesman.

The Coast Guard searched Saturday night and again on Sunday until nightfall.

A C-130 airplane began surveying the area again shortly before daybreak Monday. The Coast Guard decided to abandon the search at 1 p.m.

Three of the six survivors rescued on Saturday were released from a hospital on Sunday. Two more were released Monday and the last man was in good condition and was expected to be released later Monday, a hospital spokeswoman said. (AP)

D.C. to Issue Water Filters

Blood tests show that 2 children had high levels of lead in blood

WASHINGTON | Childcare facilities will get the first 3,000 water filters being purchased for city residents believed to have lead water lines, authorities said Monday. They also revealed results of weekend tests on people concerned they might have elevated lead levels in their blood.

"A total of 169 people came to see us and had their blood drawn," said Dr. Daniel R. Lucey, the city's interim chief health officer. Of that number, 39 were in the targeted population: pregnant women and children under

six. Test results showed two children, both two years old, had mildly elevated levels of lead of 13 and 14 micrograms per deciliter. Health officials consider anything over 10 micrograms per deciliter to be elevated.

Three people tested who were not among the targeted population showed blood lead levels of 11, 20, and 40 respectively. The highest level was a woman who had her level tested from a blood sample taken by finger stick instead of from a vein. She has now been retested and officials are awaiting the results. They are also



Lucey

offering the woman an environmental assessment to determine whether she has been exposed to lead in paint or through some other source.

D.C.'s independent water agency also said Monday it was nearly doubling the number of filters it is buying to 10,000.

D.C. health department officials estimate that as many as 2,000 pregnant and nursing women and children under six years of age may need to undergo tests to determine whether lead levels in their blood are elevated. Officials have recommended that those two age groups not consume unfiltered tap water in homes connected to lead service lines.

DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

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- To find your polling place, visit http://elections.state.md.us/registered_voters/polling_places/index.html.
- Voters will be asked to show a form of photo identification.
- For the first time, each polling place in Maryland will have touch-screen machines.
- 11 Democrats will be on the ballot, although seven have dropped out of the race.

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Hot Five	4-7-33-30-32

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Stewart Trial Nearing End

Prosecution presents 3-hour closing argument

NEW YORK | Martha Stewart and her stockbroker concocted a flimsy cover story about why the home-making icon sold her ImClone Systems stock and left a “trail of evidence” exposing their lies, a federal prosecutor said Monday in a three-hour closing argument.

Stewart and broker Peter Bacanovic face a total of nine federal counts related to the sale of about \$225,000 worth of stock on Dec. 27, 2001, the day before the stock tanked on news that the government declined to review an

ImClone cancer drug.

Prosecutors say Bacanovic sent word to Stewart that ImClone CEO Sam Waksal and his family were dumping their own shares.

On Monday, prosecutor Michael Schachter tried to dismantle the centerpiece of the pair's defense — that they had a pre-existing deal to sell Stewart's shares when ImClone stock fell below \$60.

Bacanovic's lawyer fired back by attacking the credibility of the government's star witness and said Bacanovic never would have risked his career for the trade, which earned him just \$450 in commissions.

Stewart's lead attorney was to make his case Tuesday. The jury was to begin deliberating as early as Wednesday the central question of whether Stewart and the broker lied to the government about the stock sale. ERIN MCCLAM (AP)



WHO KNEW? Actor Brian Dennehy showed up in court Monday to support Stewart. Bill Cosby was in court last week, and Rosie O'Donnell appeared earlier, jokingly offering a prosecutor a bag of M&M's to drop the case.

DISNEY | MOUSE TRAP



EISNER ON ICE? A statue of Mickey Mouse is placed Monday in Philadelphia for the annual Walt Disney Co. shareholders' meeting Wednesday. Two ex-board members hope to get at least 20 percent of shareholders to withhold their approval of chairman and CEO Michael Eisner and others.

IRS Warning Issued on Scams

WASHINGTON | Deducting the entire amount of your wages and calling it “a necessary expense for the production of income” is one of the new tax scams the government has seen this year.

Taxpayers should steer clear of this and other tax scams, the Internal Revenue Service said Monday. The agency warned consumers that they might face fines and even prison time for fraud or tax evasion.

“Don't be fooled by these outrageous claims,” said IRS Commissioner Mark Everson. “There is no secret way to escape paying taxes.” (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
AK Steel	5.42	+0.56	+11.5
AlliGam	27.00	+2.74	+11.3
GiantIn	21.40	+2.00	+10.3
BerryP	23.95	+2.20	+10.1
IntlSteel n	43.10	+3.89	+9.9

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
McDerrl	8.76	-2.72	-23.7
UnvHlth	44.88	-9.05	-16.8
UnvHR	31.19	-2.46	-7.3
JLG	12.51	-.91	-6.8
GpoRadio	6.50	-.46	-6.6

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Unifab rs	10.02	+5.27	+110.9
Castelle h	6.11	+2.56	+72.1
Sepracor	44.30	+15.99	+56.5
ACS Tc80	11.12	+3.84	+52.7
Oilgear	7.70	+2.65	+52.5

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
aaiPhrm s	9.77	-5.51	-36.1
Innovv	2.18	-.52	-19.3
ObieMed	3.05	-.45	-12.9
FX Ener	9.17	-1.28	-12.2
Nitches	5.15	-.60	-10.4

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.0625	1.00
3-month	0.94	0.93
2-year	1.65	1.64
10-year	3.98	3.97
30-year	4.84	4.84

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5355	.5356	.6356
Canadian Dollar	1.3400	1.3370	1.4852
European Euro	.8033	.8003	.9260
Japanese Yen	108.92	109.16	118.11
Mexican Peso	10.9620	11.0610	11.0170
Taiwanese Dollar	33.31	33.35	34.75

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Biotech Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
Amersham	74.40	+.42	+9.0
Amgen	64.25	+.72	+4.0
ApplBio	22.53	-.27	+8.8
BiogenIdc	56.11	+.66	+52.9
Chiron	49.11	+.20	-13.8
Genentech	106.25	-1.64	+13.6
Genzyme	49.99	-.46	+1.4
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MEDIA | E-mail is crippled by an irrepressible spam stream. Web surfing can be equally obnoxious.

Which may explain the excitement over a somewhat crude but nifty software tool that automatically delivers updated information to your computer directly from your favorite Web sites.

Hundreds of thousands of Web "feeds" are now available, spurred by the popularity of Web logs, which account for their bulk. One site that has been sorting feeds since 2001, Syndic8.com, added

7,326 in January — its biggest monthly jump — to its collection of more than 53,000 information streams.

Disney leverages the technology to deliver video clips for ESPN.com and ABCNews.com. The U.S. Geological Survey's feeds let seismologists immediately know where the world is shaking.

A five-person company called Feedster.com is trying to build a business around customizing searches of 500,000 feeds — and then delivering you the search

results in a single feed.

Alas, it's not simple for the non-techie to configure RSS, the technology behind feeds. (Developers can't agree on what RSS is supposed to stand for. Really Simple Syndication? Rich Site Summary?) There's no uniformity, though the best include a good headline and a succinct summary.

RSS is more pull than push. Your aggregator retrieves the updated material from the feed-offering Web site at set time intervals.

For an introduction, My.Yahoo.com offers a dumbed-down beta version. Web-based aggrega-



HUNGRY? Feedster.com pulls news from multiple feeds and sends it to the user.

tors including FastBuzz.com and Bloglines.com are popular because there's no software to download — and they're free.

FeedDemon, a downloadable

cross between an e-mail client and a Web browser, is feature-packed and costs \$30. NetNewsWire for the Mac, also a download, costs \$40. FRANK BAJAK (AP)



DECK THE CALLS: Ads for Siemens phones paper walls at the 3GSM tech show.

Phone the Future

CELL PHONES | Now that a new wave of "3G" cell phones equipped for streaming video and multimedia content is finally arriving in Europe, the industry is focusing on the next big unknown: what services users will pay for, and how.

The mobile phone services on display last week at the 3GSM World Congress industry show in Cannes, France, has ranged from video games to tennis to the hit reality TV show, "Big Brother."

Alcatel SA, the French producer of telecommunications equipment, announced a deal with cable channel Eurosport to develop sports TV for mobiles and offer it to wireless operators later this year. Eurosport already broadcasts in 18 languages,

and business development director Arjan Hoekstra said it was well placed to pipe sports coverage to mobile phones around the world.

Although some multimedia services based on third-generation wireless technologies, also known as 3G, have been introduced in Japan and South Korea, many innovations in the pipeline will be tested on real consumers for the first time in Europe — offering a flavor of what's over the horizon for U.S. consumers.

Eurosport is closely following the example of a 3G operator called 3, which recently began sell-

ing downloads of Premiership football highlights to British fans. The same operator has also been streaming live 24-hour coverage of "Big Brother" to its Swedish subscribers since last month, selling 60,000 sessions in the first two weeks.

Alcatel also announced a deal Tuesday with software developer VRTVStudios in multimedia messaging services, or "MMS" — the multipurpose sequel to short messaging services, or SMS, which has proven hugely popular in Europe.

Instead of thumbing out a text message as with SMS, users can send messages with various forms of content such as pictures, video, animation, music and voice-overs.

Analysts say the content market will get a further boost when wireless payment technologies enable mobile users to buy their games, videos, or music from vendors without the wireless operator as intermediary.

Perhaps surprisingly, leading wireless providers are backing the idea. Vodafone, Orange, T-Mobile and Telefonica Moviles said Tuesday that technical work had finished on their Simpay payment system, due to go live early next year.

Under Simpay's guaranteed payment scheme, customers will be able to buy digital content from any provider and pay for it on their mobile bill, with purchases initially limited to \$12.70 each. LAURENCE FROST (AP)

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SAFETY FOOD: A woman shops in an organic grocery store in Des Moines, Iowa.

Fear in the Aisles

CONSUMPTION | Bird flu in chickens. Mad cow disease. Mercury-tainted fish. Contaminated green onions. Is anything safe to eat these days?

Across the nation, many consumers have made adjustments to their grocery lists, opting for organically grown meats and vegetables following recent food-borne illness scares.

"I feel like eating fruits and vegetables is definitely safer," said Cindy Hader of North Richland Hills, Texas. "But it's a sad situation in our country when people are buying special foods to avoid poisons and toxins." A vegetarian for the past 16 years, Hader said she buys organically grown food whenever possible.

Some, like Susan Primm of Nashville, Tenn., think the government could do more, especial-

ly in the handling of mass-produced chicken and beef.

"I believe it is important for us to raise animals in a healthy way," she said. "When animals are not respected and not raised in a healthy way, they get sick."

Surveys indicate U.S. beef consumption has not fallen.

Speed was key in containing the spread of bird flu at a chicken farm in Gonzales County, Texas. All 6,600 birds in the infected flock were killed, and two live-bird markets in Houston were shut down.

The goal of the public health system is to prevent what can be prevented and to quickly contain what can't, Texas Department of Health spokesman Doug McBride said. "There's no 100 percent guaranteed risk-free situation," he said.

MATT SLAGLE (AP)

Toothsome: Sink your you-know-whats into the strange evolution of modern dentistry; learn about amulets to ward off little tooth devils. In today's Washington Post, Health.

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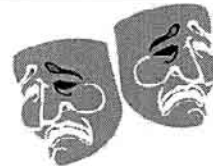
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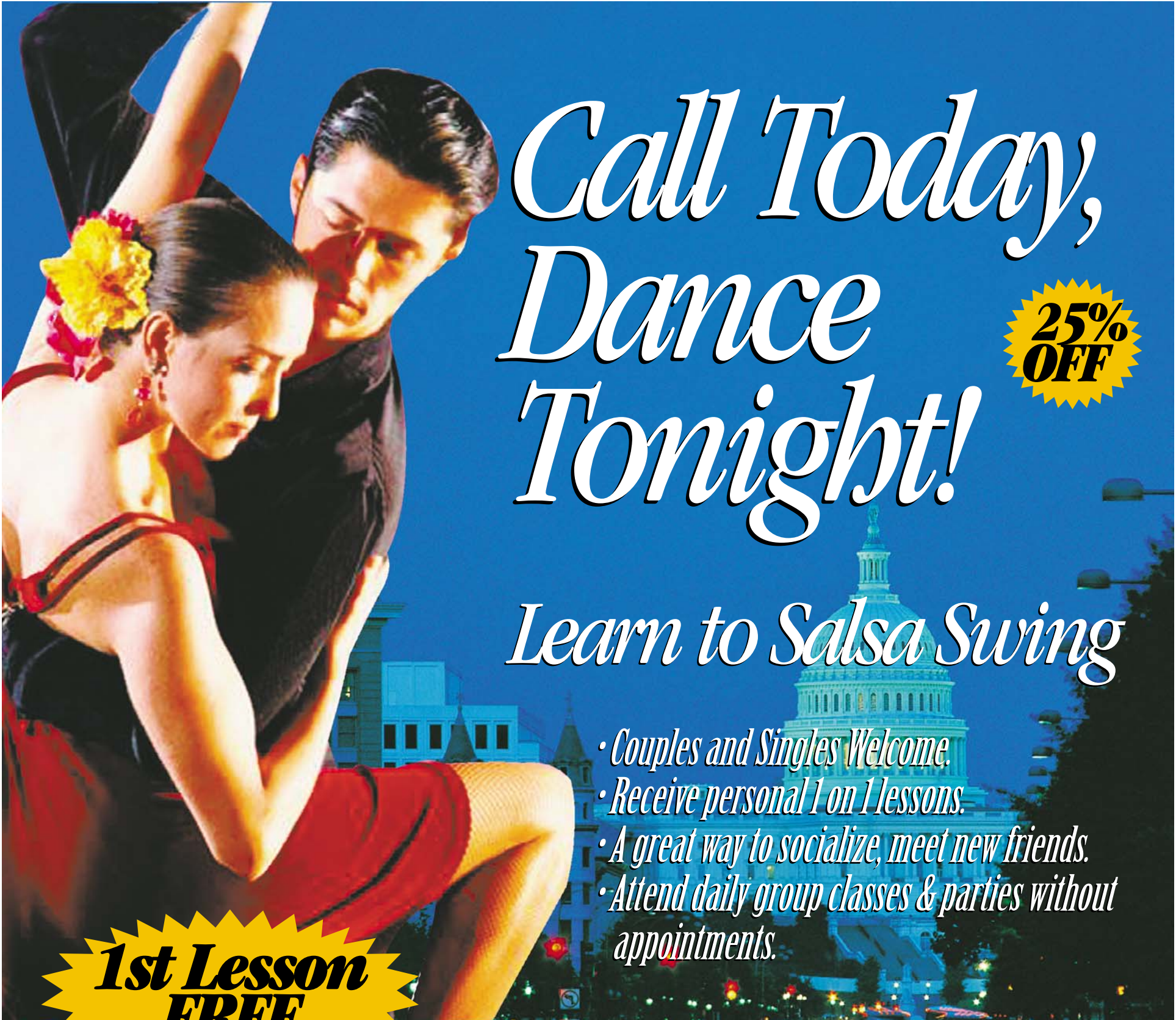
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If She Ran the Zoo

Dr. Seuss's widow celebrates his memory in 'A Century of Imagination'

ANNIVERSARY | Near the end of his life, Theodor "Dr. Seuss" Geisel sat down with his wife, Audrey.

"Now my work will be turned over to you," Audrey Stone Geisel recalled him saying. "And you will have to deal with those consequences."

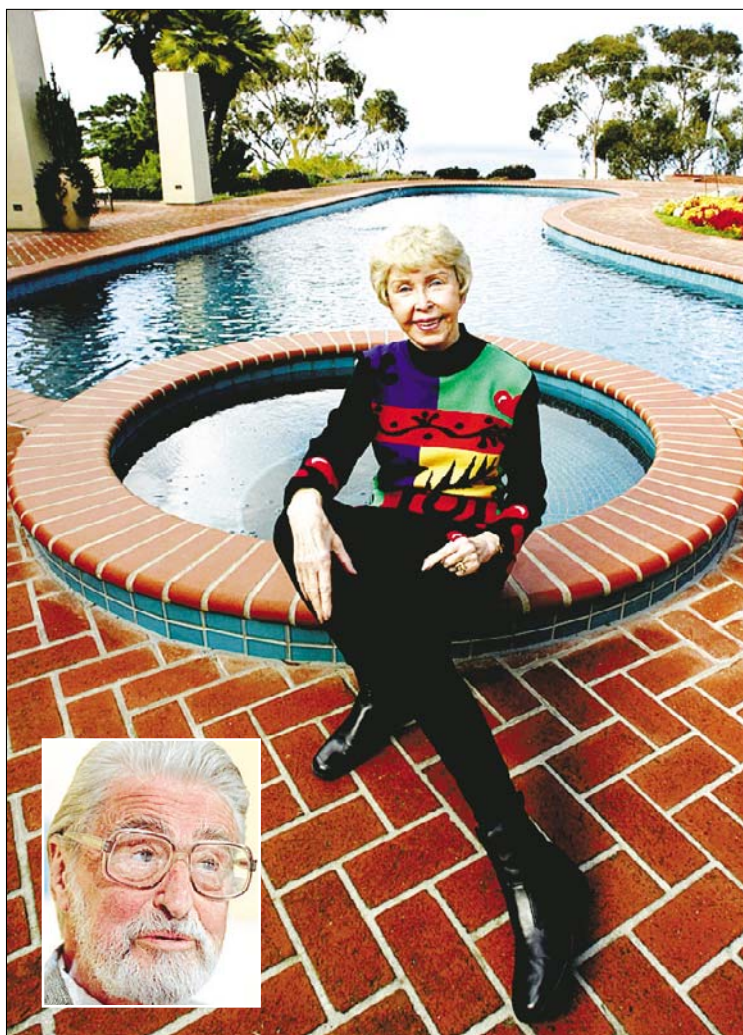
"And oh-ho," says the 82-year-old heiress of the Seuss world, "has that been true!"

Nearly 13 years after her husband's passing, Geisel leads the global enterprise that has sprouted from Seuss's beloved books — watching over the Cat in the Hat, the Grinch and all the other critters and characters who live on in movies, toys, games and ventures that perhaps not even the imaginative doctor could have envisioned.

Over the years, Dr. Seuss became one of the most popular children's authors ever. He published 44 children's books in more than 20 languages. More than 500 million Dr. Seuss books have been sold worldwide.

Audrey Geisel is presiding over a year's worth of ceremonies celebrating "Seussentennial: A Century of Imagination."

The events include the debut of a Postal Service stamp; a tour of theatrical performances and children's workshops across 40 cities; a series



NAVIGATING A LEGACY: Audrey Geisel, widow of Dr. Seuss, inset, poses near her rather Seussian swimming pool. She's presiding over this year's "Seussentennial."

of Dr. Seuss celebrity book reviews; exhibits of items from the Dr. Seuss archives and of Ted Geisel's art; the unveiling of a Dr. Seuss sculpture at the Geisel Library at the University of California, San Diego; and the presentation of a star honoring the author on Hollywood's Walk of Fame.

But Geisel remains soured by her most recent Hollywood experience where, she says, Universal Pictures forced Mike Myers into the lead role of "The Cat in the Hat."

"I never saw 'Austin Powers,' but I knew 'Yeah, baby!' and I didn't want 'Yeah, baby!' at all," she says imitating the Myers' character.

Geisel said she will never again allow Hollywood to portray Seuss characters in live action. An animated work based on the elephant character Horton will be the next film project.

Oddly for the creator of things illogical and unusual, the unpredictability of children unnerved him. "What might they do next? What might they ask next?" she says her husband would muse.

Children continue to love Seuss, though. "Just to have their favorite Seuss story read to them by a parent — that is the most calming, uniting, understanding thing that one generation can share with an oncoming generation."

MICHELLE MORGANTE (AP)

Today's **Top** Stops

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Vic Thrills audiences with his glam-trash, neo-lounge, retro-'80s antics.

Whip It: Vic Thrill at Black Cat

I Electro-clash circus ringmaster and self-declared freak Vic Thrill brings absurd, provocative films; a grotesque parody of a lounge singer's manner; and a number of hopelessly catchy dance-pop tunes about aliens and other '80s pet peeves. Seriously (well, not seriously, but you see where this is going), he's hilarious, his songs are excellent and it's best to take the whole experience with a big ol' humor pill.

Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; 9 p.m., \$7; 202-667-7960. (U St.-Cardozo)

Voting Frenzy: Super Tuesday Viewing Party

2 Super Tuesday just got super-er thanks to Visions Bar Noir. With the addition of drinks, convivial folks and disgruntled parties — former Dean campaign workers, voices down, please — watching the returns of 10 Democratic state primaries suddenly becomes something for fun people, not wonks too scared to run out for more Yoo-Hoo because they might miss Ohio.

Bar Noir, 1927 Florida Ave. NW; 202-667-0090. (Dupont Circle)

Princess of the Strings: Julia Fischer

3 Violinist Julia Fischer plays the fiddle — OK, Strad — with famed freshness and verve. She's also pretty, young and seems down-to-earth. Yeah, we hate her. With pianist Robert Kulek.

Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 7:30 p.m., \$25; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom)

Chasez: Cheesy Lover

MUSIC | Although JC Chasez's solo debut is called "Schizophrenic" (Jive Records), "mild personality disorder" is a more accurate diagnosis.

Chasez shows little of the versatility of fellow 'N Sync refugee Justin Timberlake.

Chasez's digitally enhanced voice lacks range on the 15 bland, if club-friendly, tracks. His usual topic is the boilerplate sex-fantasy. He imagines a dance-floor threesome on "Some Girls (Dance With Women)." "All Day Long I Dream About Sex" and "One Night Stand" are self-explana-

tory, and he describes what he does when he's alone on "Come to Me."

Eamon is far filthier on his debut, "I Don't Want You Back" (Jive Records). The rapper is so filthy, in fact, that the explicit and clean versions of this record may as well be albums by two different artists.

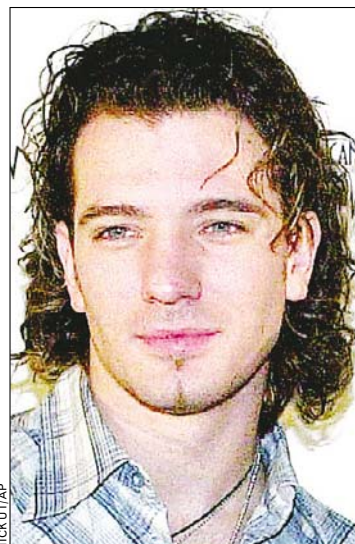
Potty mouth aside, the New York singer has recorded a hypnotic album full of the same soulful grooves that have ensconced

the first single, "[Badword] It (I Don't Want You Back)," at the top of the Hot Singles chart since December.

He seems to have anger issues and a tendency toward misogyny, yet the contrast between Eamon's direct, profane lyrics and his understated doo-wop musical approach is electrifying.

It's also more interesting than Chasez's lascivious posturing. Eamon's record isn't easy to take, but it's worth hearing. **ERIC R.**

DANTON (THE HARTFORD COURANT)



Former boy-bander JC Chasez hasn't moved beyond "Oh, baby" lyrics.

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Timely Talk: Alterman's Bush Book

4 Eric Alterman, author of "What Liberal Media?" and Mark Green, president of the New Democracy Project, have some pointed words for the current administration. What makes them so smart? They wrote "The Book on Bush," which they'll be signing.

Politics & Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW; 7 p.m., free; 202-364-1919. (Van Ness-UDC)

Barbara, Benchd: Corcoran Cabaret

5 Barbara Brussell knows what to do with "Songs I've Been Sitting on Too Long" — compile them into one show, call it "The Piano Bench of My Mind" and sing this part-tribute-to/part-sendup-of the songs she loves best as part of the Corcoran's "Cabaret!" series.

Corcoran Gallery of Art, 500 17th St., NW; 7 p.m., \$25; 202-639-1700. (Farragut West)



Barbara Brussell sings her favorite songs from standards to folk to pop.

Starmaker Wanes

Producer Timbaland revamped hip-hop; now he wants out

PERSONALITY | In less than a decade, Timbaland (aka Tim Mosley) has amassed dozens of hit records as a producer and/or songwriter. He is also a performing artist, engineer, remixer and head of a record label, the Interscope-distributed BeatClub Records.

A native of Norfolk, Va., Timbaland got his start in the music business in the early 1990s working with Jodeci member/producer DeVante Swing. He then formed music-production group Da Bassment, whose members included Elliott, Ginuwine, Playa and Magoo. He has since worked with such artists as Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott, Jay-Z, the late Aaliyah, Memphis Bleek, Ludacris, Justin Timberlake and Ginuwine.

Timbaland says he is planning to eventually walk away from the music business; he candidly talked about why and provided other thoughts on the music industry.

What are the biggest problems facing the music industry today, and what are the solutions?

There's too much being developed at once. There's new software, new music and new programs that come out too quickly. By the time some-



"I want to walk away from music. To me, the music business is too saturated, and there's too much politics with the record companies and radio."

SUPERPRODUCER TIMBALAND

thing new comes out, people are ready to move on to the next thing.

The "instant-hit" [mentality] can mean instant failure. I wish the record companies would put more effort into artist development.

Do you think producers are more important than artists?

I think producers are bigger than the artists. We're responsible for the sound that they have. We give them direction and bring something out of the artists that they may not realize that they have.

You've said that you want to walk away from hip-hop. Why?

It's not just hip-hop. I want to walk away from music, period. To me, the music business is too saturated, and there's too much politics with the record companies and radio.

I'm not walking away right away. I'm about to totally change my whole image in 2004. It's going to shock people.

If hip-hop has become boring, what kind of music excites you?

I like Coldplay — that's real music to me. I like what the Neptunes are doing. But after a while, everything sounds the same. Even my stuff.

What are the most important things you've learned?

The most important thing I've learned is to always have that ambition to keep fresh and always challenge yourself. I'm always competing with myself.

CARLA HAY (BILLBOARD.COM)

Con Men & Frontier Gals

DVD | After making such action-packed epics as "Gladiator" and "Black Hawk Down," director Ridley Scott turned to this uneven but enjoyable character comedy with "Matchstick Men" (Warner Home Video).

It's about two con men: one (Nicolas Cage) who is obsessive-compulsive; the other (Sam Rockwell) is slick, ambitious and greedy. Into the picture enters a teenage girl (Alison Lohman) who claims to be Cage's daughter.

Scott has embraced the DVD for-



MODERN MATURITY: Cate Blanchett fights for her daughter in "The Missing," left; Nicolas Cage tries to duck his paternal responsibilities in "Matchstick Men."



mat and the digital editions of his previous films have included superior behind-the-scenes documentaries and astute commentary.

"Tricks of the Trade" is a lengthy, revelatory look at Scott's filmmaking process, and the director also offers his customary insightful commentary. This time around, screenwriters Nicholas and Ted Griffin join him.

Director Ron Howard followed up his Oscar-winning "A Beautiful Mind" with "The Missing" (Columbia TriStar), a violent and brooding western that despite generally strong reviews didn't catch on at the box office last fall.

Cate Blanchett plays a frontier woman who turns to her estranged

father (Tommy Lee Jones) for help when her daughter (Evan Rachel Wood) is kidnapped by Indians.

Howard did sturdy audio commentaries for "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" and "Beautiful Mind," but surprisingly didn't do one for this two-disc DVD set. But he's front and center in all of the special features, including five featurettes on the making of the film and in the "Ron Howard On" extra where he talks about westerns, filmmaking and working with John Wayne in "The Shootist." The most enjoyable extras are the crude but clever little Super 8 westerns Howard made as a teenager, which feature his father, Rance, and brother, Clint.

SUSAN KING (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

Entertainment

'Passion' Flogs 'Rings' at B.O.

THE RECKONING | After opening with an astonishing \$125.2 million over five days, Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" is positioned to get even bigger as the season of Lent leads up to Easter on April 11.

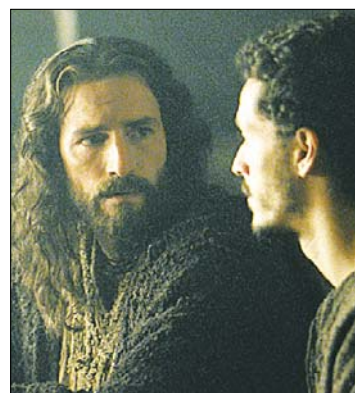
The box-office total announced by distributor Newmarket Films pushed "The Passion" past "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" (\$124.1 million) for the

biggest debut ever by a film opening on a Wednesday — Ash Wednesday, in this case.

The total for the grisly crucifixion re-creation was almost \$8 million more than Newmarket first estimated. The movie, which stars Jim Caviezel as Christ, has deeply divided religious communities. Church groups have bought out entire theaters for screenings, while

some Jewish and Christian leaders say "The Passion" could revive the notion that Jews were collectively responsible for Christ's death.

The film played strongly among all age and ethnic groups in all regions, especially in some Bible belt and heartland cities, said Rob Schwartz, head of distribution for Newmarket. Gibson hired the independent outfit to put the film



The story of Christ's final hours is the year's biggest box-office draw so far.

in theaters after Hollywood studios shied away.

"The Passion" ultimately could take in between \$300 million and \$350 million in North America alone, Schwartz said.

Gibson sold his vision from the ground up by selectively screening the movie for like-minded church leaders, who spread the buzz to the congregation. When some Jewish and Christian groups complained that the movie could foster anti-Semitism, Gibson stepped back and let the debate rage. DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

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Television

Oscar Host, Winners Play It Safe

THE MORNING AFTER | The biggest surprise on Sunday’s Oscarcast was a lack of surprises. Or did the unexpectedness somehow get filtered out during that new five-second tape delay?

Whatever, “The 76th Annual Academy Awards” was supposed to be ripe to kick up its heels after the past couple of relatively somber years. And a ratings falloff by recent Oscarcasts supposedly called for a more fast-paced, youthful approach.

But this remained your father’s Oscarcast. With host Billy Crystal

in the cockpit for the eighth time, the program cruised with confident conventionality, with the delay guarding against any chance slip.

Not that there was anything to bleep. Whether guided by decorum or a desire to play nice with now-touchy Washington powers-that-be, everybody kept it safe.

There was no troublemaker like filmmaker Michael Moore to blurt out a politically charged acceptance speech. The freshest piece of comedy business was thanks to Will Ferrell and Jack Black, on hand to announce the best original song. Before doing so, they sang new lyrics to the melody that interrupts Oscar acceptance speeches that go on too long: “This is it, your time is through, you’re boring! ... No need to thank your parakeet, you’re boring!”

Exactly. FRAZIER MOORE (AP)

ON TV TONIGHT

IS CALLING DICKINSON ‘WASHED-UP TRASH WITH COLLAGEN POISONING’ A SLUR?

AMERICA’S NEXT TOP MODEL (9 p.m., UPN) Ethnic stereotypes are beginning to seep through the “you-go-girl” atmosphere of this absurd contest. April, the “Asian” model wannabe who doesn’t even consider herself Asian, is continually depicted as the joyless grind. The judges repeatedly imply that she lacks the “soul” to be a model and that she is competing simply for the sake of winning. This is how hard work and discipline are rewarded on “Next Top Model.”

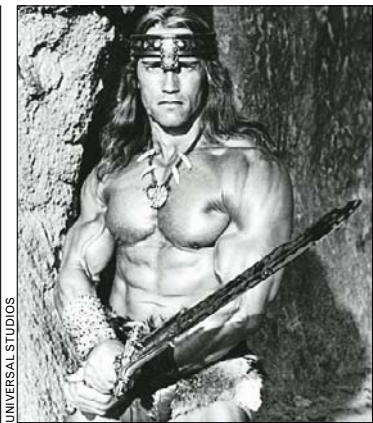
Judge Janice Dickinson’s cracks about (half-Iranian) Sara Racey-Tabrizi looking like a “belly dancer” were rude if not racist. Sara got the boot after most of the tribunal judged her too “sexy” and “down-market” to achieve supermod-

el status. Host Tyra Banks dissented — and with good reason.

THE RETURN OF NANNY G Who said “Frasier” fans weren’t on top of their show? Eagle-eyed viewers pointed out that Dr. Crane’s first wife, Nanny G. (Laurie Metcalf), had been introduced on an episode of “Cheers,” and that she was played then by Emma Thompson.

I still think it’s absurd to drag this character out of Frasier’s misty past with only a few episodes to go. The weirdness was compounded by the fact that Metcalf had appeared on “Malcolm in the Middle” (as Malcolm’s spiteful aunt) only two nights before. On tonight’s FRASIER (9 p.m., NBC), a scary clown sends Dad into shock.

CULT CHOICE Arnold Schwarzenegger co-stars with Grace Jones and Wilt Chamberlain in the 1984 sequel CONAN THE DESTROYER (8 p.m., AMC).



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FIND PAT GARRETT AND MAYBE WE’LL WATCH

Scientists and historians explore one of the great legends of the Wild West on QUEST: BILLY THE KID UNMASKED (9 p.m., Discovery). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live			BET com	The Parkers	The Parkers	Access	Coming	Comicview	Nightly News	Grown Folks	
	Bravo	(4:30) "I Dreamed of Africa"		The West Wing [CC]		Queer Eye for Straight Guy		Keen Eddie "Citizen Cecil"		Queer Eye for Straight Guy	The West Wing [CC]		
	Comedy	Late Night [CC]		Daily Show	Mad TV [CC]		Reel Comedy	Insomniac	South Park	Chappelle's	Yankers	Daily Show	Tough Crowd
	Court	Profiler "Venom" [CC]		Cops [CC]	Cops [CC]	The System		Forensic	Forensic	Crime Stories		NYPD Blue [CC]	
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	DISCH	Rescue 911	Rescue 911	Paramedics		Twins by Surrogacy (N)		Birth Day Live: Special Edition (N)				Twins by Surrogacy	
	Disney	Even Stevens	Sister, Sister	Sister, Sister	Lizzie	★ ★ ½ "My Date With the President's Daughter" (1998)				Sister, Sister	Boy World	Kim Possible	Barbarian
	E!	Award-Fashion Police		E! News (N)	Hard Knocks	Mark Wahlberg: Story		Eminem: The E! THS		Price of Fame		Howard Stern	Howard Stern
	FX	Married...	Married...	Cops [CC]	Cops [CC]	★ ★ "Double Impact" (1991) Jean-Claude Van Damme.				The Shield "Homewrecker"		★ ★ "Double Impact" (1991)	
	HGTV	Before Aft	Building	Curb Appeal	House	Outer Spaces	Sensible Chic	Decorating	Divine Design	Designers'	Designers'	Home to Go	Date-Design
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	History	The Greek Gods [CC]		Modern Marvels [CC]		Deep Sea Detectives [CC]		Tactical to Practical [CC]		Modern Marvels "Concrete"		Murders	Murders
	Lifetime	The Nanny	Designing	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	The Nanny	The Nanny	"Going Underground" (1993, Drama) Joanna Kerns. [CC]			Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls
	MTV	Movie House	Music Videos	Direct Effect [CC]		TRL (iTV) [CC]		Real World	Real World	Real World	Carmen-Dave	Carmen-Dave	Carmen-Dave
	NICK	U-Pick [CC]	Sabrina	Rugrats [CC]	SpongeBob	Oddparents	Romeo! [CC]	Full House	Full House	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Roseanne [CC]	Roseanne [CC]
	SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 "Pretense"		"Curse of the Talisman" (2001) Jesse Spencer. [CC]				★ ½ "I Still Know What You Did Last Summer" (1998) [CC]			★ "Devil's Prey" (2001) [CC]		
	SPIKE	Real TV [CC]	Real TV [CC]	Star Trek: Next Gener.		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Oblivious (N)	Crash Test	John Henson	Oblivious [CC]	Oblivious [CC]	Extreme
	TBS	Home Imp.	Seinfeld [CC]	Seinfeld [CC]	Friends [CC]	★ ★ ★ ½ "Lethal Weapon 2" (1989) (PA) Mel Gibson, Danny Glover. [CC]					★ ★ ★ "Lethal Weapon" (1987) Mel Gibson.		
TLC	Clean Sweep [CC]		In a Fix "Moroccan Bar"		In a Fix "Nick's Hell House"					Junkyard Mega-Wars (N)			
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	ESPN2	Best of Poker	Best of Poker	College Basketball Wake Forest at Virginia. (Live) [CC]				NBA Fastbreak Tuesday (Live) [CC]				Streetball	Wisconsin
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	MSNBC	The Abrams Report (Live)		Hardball With Chris Matthews: Battle for the White House (Live)									
MOVIES	AMC	(5:30) ★ ★ ½ "Navy SEALs" (1990) Charlie Sheen. 'R'				★ ★ "Conan the Destroyer" (1984) Premiere. 'PG'				★ ★ ½ "Army of Darkness" (1992) Bruce Campbell. 'R'			
	TCM	★ ★ ★ ★ "Singin' in the Rain" (1952) Gene Kelly. 'G'				★ ★ ★ "My Man Godfrey" (1936) William Powell. 'NR' [CC]				★ ★ ★ ★ "Citizen Kane" (1941, Drama) Orson Welles. 'PG'			
	HBO	Roommates	★ ★ "The Saint" (1997) Val Kilmer. [CC] 'PG-13' [CC]			★ ★ ½ "Phone Booth" (2002) Colin Farrell.			Dead Men Talking		Curb-Enthsm		
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	SHO	(:15) ★ ★ ½ "Pipe Dream" (2002) Martin Donovan. 'R'				★ ½ "Original Sin" (2001) Antonio Banderas. 'R' [CC]				★ ★ ★ "Roger Dodger" (2002) 'R' [CC]			
	TMC	(:15) ★ ★ "The Hit" (1984) Terence Stamp. 'R' [CC]				★ ★ ★ ½ "Donnie Brasco" (1997) Al Pacino. [CC] 'R' [CC]				(:15) ★ ★ ½ "Terminal Velocity" (1994) Charlie Sheen. [CC]			
	STARZ!	Cutthroat	(:35) ★ ★ ½ "XXX" (2002) Vin Diesel. [CC] 'PG-13' [CC]			On the Set			★ ★ ★ ½ "Chicago" (2002) Catherine Zeta-Jones. 'PG-13'		★ ½ "Playing God" (1997)		
	ENCORE	(5:50) ★ ★ ★ ★ "A Cry in the Dark" (1988) Meryl Streep.				★ ★ ½ "High Road to China" (1983) Tom Selleck. 'PG'				★ ★ ½ "Paradise" (1991) Melanie Griffith. [CC] 'PG-13' [CC]			

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SWF, 36, **FULL-FIGURED**, enjoys parks, walks on the beach, movies, seeks good-hearted SWM, 30-38, for spring romance, hopefully LTR. **✆940115**

SMART, LIVELY, ATTRACTIVE, liberal woman, 32, devoted Red Sox fan, loves reading, people-watching, good conversation. Seeking intelligent, funny, self-assured, thoughtful man. Could it be you? **✆935466**

PETITE SWF, 33, 5'3", 125lbs, brown/brown, honest, friendly, easygoing. Seeking good-hearted man, 33-41, honest, loving, ready to start a family. **✆946926**

SCORP, 38, 5'6", attractive, energetic, enjoys variety of indoor and outdoor activities, music, traveling. Seeking SBM, 36-50, N/S, N/Drugs, similar interests, for friendship, dating, LTR. **✆935530**

SBF, 24, 5'6", 116lbs, slender build, enjoys jazz and just about any kind of fun. Seeking SBM, 21-39, N/S, no children, for LTR. **✆805837**

SBF, 38, 5'2", dark complexion, seeks SWM, 35-50, who enjoys museums, cultural events, English history. Must like cuddling, workouts, and be unafraid of intimacy. **✆19620**

ATTRACTIVE, VIVACIOUS, PASSIONATE, fun SBF, 34, 5'3", 110lbs, with great sense of humor, seeks handsome, well-mannered, thoughtful, intelligent SW/HM, 32-45, N/S, for LTR. **✆903253**

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SINGLE MOM. SEXY, outgoing female, 22, 6', 150lbs, light brown skin, sense of humor, loves basketball, football, video games. Seeking outgoing guy, sense of humor. **✆828018**

ATTRACTIVE MOM. SBCF, 31, 5'6", HPTW, down-to-earth, honest, hopeless romantic, seeking marriage-minded SCM, with SOH, HPTW, enjoys life, love, family, and wants to build forever. **✆819822**

22-YEAR-OLD, SBF, 5'10", light complexion, curvaceous, attractive, recent college graduate, seeking SB/HWM, 27-36, with similar interests, for companionship. **✆771602**

ARE YOU THE honorable, articulate, handsome, SBPM, 35-40, 35-40, for this opinionated, outgoing, attractive, SBF? Lets find out. **✆412913**

COSMO GIRL SEEKS Maxim guy. Attractive SBF, Christian, 31, seeks funny, ambitious SPW, 27-35, any race, who enjoys quiet nights, lounges, sports, pets, the arts. **✆905608**

ATTRACTIVE SWF, 38, blonde/hazel, enjoys all sports, travel, club dancing, seeking a cute, tall SWPM, 30-42, for fun times. **✆363221**

VEGETARIAN NATURE GIRL, 25, caring, honest, fun-loving, down-to-earth, passionate, enjoys walks in the rain, holding hands, cuddling. ISO honest man, for friendship first, possible LTR. **✆858042**

MAN IN UNIFORM, Attractive, energetic SBF, 30, 5'6", 120lbs, seeks honest, respectful, communicative SW/HM, 29-35, for friendship first, possible LTR. **✆349299**

ARTISTIC DWF, 37, curvaceous, blonde/green seeks another artist or writer who's an unconcerned, LTR/S/DWM, 32-45, who enjoys togetherness. Open conversationalist is a good quality. **✆804441**

SBF, 38, **SAGITTARIUS**, mother, works at nursing home, laid-back, enjoys dining, movies, seeks man, 32-45, for friendship, possible romance. **✆713900**

ATTRACTIVE SB MOM, 33, down-to-earth, caring, enjoys movies, dining, outdoors. Seeking honest, caring SM, 30-39, race open, for friendship first. **✆393133**

FEMALE SPORTS FAN. SBF, 37, enjoys working out, travel, cooking. Seeking SBPM, 32-42, N/S, with similar interests. **✆644991**

SWF, 33, **ATTORNEY**, new to area, tall, blonde/blue-green, Pisces, N/S, sports lover, enjoys traveling and jazz clubs. Seeking tall PM, 34-44, N/S, dog +. **✆589833**

NUBIAN PRINCESS. SBCF, 35, 5'7", H/W proportionate, enjoys weekend trips, park walks, movies, outdoors. Seeking SB/CM, 5'11"+, for companionship. **✆67234**

SBF, 39, **PISCES**, N/S, seeks BM, 39-49, N/S, who is professional, and is honest. For a very serious relationship. **✆407432**

OPEN-MINDED, AFFECTIONATE DPF, 37, seeks SWPM, 38+, N/S, mature, intelligent, kind, for romance, leading to commitment and family. **✆512872**

SBF, 35, **WITH** beautiful light-brown eyes, seeks a man for lazy days at home, and just being in each other's company. **✆934824**

VERY PRETTY, INTELLIGENT SBF, 28, 5'6", well-built. Seeking sincere, kind, caring, spiritual, happy SCM, 30-35, for stable relationship, possible marriage. **✆920670**

LINGERING OVER COFFEE, strolling Fourteenth Street, kayaking Georgetown, E-street movie, home-cooked vegetarian curry, laughing with friends. A great Saturday? SWF, 37, ISO SM, 32-45. **✆882826**

HONEST, SINCERE, FULL-FIGURED SBF loves shopping, travel, reading, dancing, fun. Seeking gentlemanly SBPM, 27-40, preferably with no children. No games. **✆874525**

SMART, INNOVATIVE, CREATIVE, sweet sexy woman, 5'5", spiritual, enjoys traveling, cooking, working out, seeks a confident, outgoing, physically fit, financially secure, SBM, 6'+, w/smooth skin. **✆874442**

EDUCATED, PROFESSIONAL SAF, 57, seeks nice, intelligent, white gentleman, 57-65, with similar qualities. For LTR. **✆68605**

TALL, BEAUTIFUL, BLACK, plus-sized professional female, 32, ISO tall professional male, 32-40, for dating. **✆640310**

SHY, LAID-BACK, HUMOROUS SBF, 35, mother of one, enjoys shopping quiet evenings home and more. Seeking honest, humorous, down-to-earth SBM, 27-47, for friendship, maybe more. **✆893447**

CHRISTIAN SBF, 33, gentle, sincere, music lover, entrepreneur, seeking Christian SBPM, who's prayerful, honest, kind, gentlemanly, handsome, adventuresome, N/Kids, never married, 33-39, for dating/relationship/possible LTR. **✆890125**

FUN-LOVING SBCF, 36, medium build, secure, ISO honest SB/CM, 36-40, who appreciates a good woman, for friendship, dating and possible LTR. **✆890186**

BF, 35, **TWO** children, looking for a SM, 35-50, 5'10"+, for friendship and conversation first, maybe leading to more. Must like children. **✆387069**

IN SEARCH OF an honest man with a good sense of humor and a love for children, for quality time with this SWF. 28. **✆330886**

STRONG, EDUCATED, SLIM, healthy, beautiful black female seeks white or Hispanic male, 25-38, for long-term relationship. **✆905999**

SACF, 31, **SCORPIO**, seeks someone who is kind, sincerity and honesty a must, loving, good sense of humor, 30-40, for friendship, possible LTR. **✆44865**

LOVING LIFE. SBF, 31, light brown complexion, seeking SWM, 30-38, with a big heart, for friendship and possible LTR. **✆904312**

PREPARE TO CIRCLE this one! Cute, fit SBF, seeks the company of an attractive, energetic, sports-minded SM, 27-37. Guaranteed fun times ahead! **✆505591**

SMALL, SEXY SBF, 25, 5'5", enjoys movies, theatre, dancing, camping, laughing, spear-fishing. Seeking fit, affectionate, honest, stable, relationship-oriented SPW, 30-36, 5'11"-6'3", for...? **✆885789**

ROMANCE IS NOT dead! 32-year-old BF, 5'9", slim, attractive, physically/mentally sound, seeks tall gentleman, 28-44, H/W proportionate, career/goal-oriented, with minimal baggage. No serial daters, please. **✆880806**

SWF, 20, **FULL-FIGURED**, likes movies, travel, music, swimming and time with family and friends. Seeking SBM, 20-29, who shares these interests. **✆807867**

FORMER MODEL, 27, 5'10", 125lbs, African-American female, seeking male, 35-50, for friendship, fun and travel. **✆72154**

ATTRACTIVE, INTELLIGENT SWF, 37, blonde, with sexy eyes and great legs, down-to-earth, fun-loving, and major football fan. Seeking SBM, 35-43, down-to-earth, for romance, possible LTR. **✆633699**

SW TEACHER, 34, is interested in all types of music (especially classical and 80s), and is looking for a man who stays active and cultured. **✆753605**

SBF, 38, 6', 145lbs, fit, enjoys sports, movies, dining out, and travel. Seeking SWPM with similar interests. **✆356120**

VIBRANT, FULL-FIGURED SBF, 37, 6', enjoys theater, dining out, reading, and museums. Seeking SBM, 27-37, for LTR. Serious inquiries only, please. **✆513337**

ATTRACTIVE, FULL FIGURED SBF, 28, Leo, non smoker, who enjoys sports, outdoor activities and dancing. Seeking HM, 25-35, with similar interests. For friendship. **✆453458**

OUTGOING, CLASSY, PRETTY SWF, 35, 5'8", shapely, blue/blonde, independent, emotionally and financially secure, loves dancing, movies, beaches, football. ISO attractive, considerate SWM with values. **✆946663**

NICE-LOOKING SBF, 40-45, something, enjoys a variety of indoor and outdoor activities. Seeking an attractive SPW, early 40s, for a relationship. **✆794643**

SPRING IS APPROACHING so why not start fresh with someone nice, petite and fun to be with. Seeking gentleman, 50-80, and easy to be with. **✆344692**

SPF, 30, **IS** interested in meeting a CM, who enjoys watching movies, dancing, reading and more. **✆911640**

SBF, 5'9", **HPTW**, ISO professional male, 35-55, N/S, drama-free, ISO companionship, laughter, good times and more. **✆505221**

ALEXANDRIA, VA. SWPF, 32, N/S, genuine and sincere with a warm heart. Enjoys hiking, fishing, boating, theater, travel. Seeking SWPM, 27-37, for friendship, possible LTR. **✆903265**

GOOD-HEARTED DBF, 32, 5'3", N/S, one child, gentle gem, genuinely generous, seeks prayerful, honest, trustworthy, reliable, stable family man for LTR. Race unimportant. **✆874267**

VERY ATTRACTIVE, INTELLIGENT SWPF, 35, 5'4", slender, brown/green, enjoys music, traveling, trying new things, seeking handsome, well-educated, tall, honest SWPM, 30-40, N/S, no kids. LTR. **✆875669**

DBF, 36, **PLUS-SIZED**, enjoys church, reading, traveling, bowling, quiet times. Seeks honest, caring BM, 35-45, for friendship, possible LTR. **✆90178**

ATTRACTIVE, SINCERE SBCF, 46, loves the Lord, enjoys movies, travel, quiet times. Seeking sincere, honest SBM, with similar interests, enjoys conversation, good sense of humor. **✆871514**

CUTE, ATHLETIC SMART SPF, 25, seeks professional, handsome, financially secure male, 26-31, for friendship, then we'll see what develops. **✆871828**

SLENDER, ATTRACTIVE SWF, 29, long blonde hair, loves the arts, literature, history and more. Seeking well-educated, fit, non-smoking S/DWPM, 27-38, 5'8"+, for dating, possible LTR. **✆855755**

EDUCATED, TRUSTWORTHY, ATTRACTIVE SBF, 30, 6', enjoys dining out, intelligent conversation more. Seeking highly educated, relationship-oriented SM, 30-40, 6'+, with no children for possible LTR. **✆852480**

SPONTANEOUS, ENTHUSIASTIC, WITTY, well-rounded, mature SBF, 22, 5'9", very attractive college grad, enjoys the gym, reading, travel. Seeking SBM, 25-32, 6'4", no children, college-educated, attractive, fit, well-mannered. **✆853960**

SBF, 31, 5'8", 145lbs seeking kind-hearted, honest, down-to-earth SWM, 40-55, for dating and possible LTR. **✆850317**

RUSSIAN LADY, 35, attractive inside and out, fit, educated, ISO SWPM, 36-45. Sincerity and honesty a must. Reliable, established, ambitious, interested in LTR. **✆607135**

SBF, 39, N/S, 5'4", 130lbs, brown complexion, burgundy hair, RN, three children, enjoys movies, dining, quiet times, seeks woman, 29-50, for conversation, sharing special moments. **✆802729**

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MATURE, HONEST SWM, 26, 5'11", 150lbs, N/S, N/D, no drugs, childless, no games, seeks similar SWF, 25-32, for friendship first. Capitol Heights. **✆89138**

SWM, 33, **POLICE** officer, 6', 190lbs, blue eyes, enjoys the outdoors, animals and dogs. Seeking SF/W, with similar interests for serious LTR. **✆894546**

ATHLETIC, FUNNY, SUCCESSFUL, attractive guy, 39, seeks slim SWF, 21-30, with the same qualities, for lunch, coffee, friendship and more. **✆879554**

WELL-EDUCATED SBM, 29, 6', 200lbs, health care professional, enjoys sports, cycling, rollerblading, summer fun, friends, beaches, Dizzy Gillespie, jazz. Seeking SF, for friendship, good times. **✆724031**

SWM, 36, **SEEKS SWF**, Pisces, Cancer or Capricorn, who is interested in building a new life together, with children, family, friends, love, romance, happiness. Simple. **✆675394**

COMPASSIONATE, SPIRITUAL SBM, 39, 6'2", N/S, attractive, easygoing, sensitive, homebody, introverted, enjoys music, movies, fun times. Seeking SF, 18-48, no kids, any race, similar interests. **✆28886**

SWM, 31, 6'1", brown/blond, loves the outdoors, traveling, hiking, beaches, boating. Seeking down-to-earth SF, 22-34, no kids, similar interests, for meaningful relationship. **✆26795**

COLLEGE GRAD, SBM, mixed heritage, 34, 5'10", Seeking childless, progressive woman, 22-35. **✆62971**

SBM, 24, **VIRGO**, N/S, works in maintenance, enjoys movies, dining, bowling, having fun, seeks BF, 18-20, N/S, with similar interests. **✆2386**

SWM, 35, **VIRGO**, N/S, 5'10", 175lbs, seeks full-figured SW/H, 21-39, for possible LTR. **✆923793**

READY TO SETTLE down. BM, 29, 5'7", easygoing, relaxed, seeks SF, 27-35, any race, N/Kids, for possible LTR. **✆19894**

SWM, 20, 5'8", Sagittarius, smoker, seeks woman, 18-26, who likes kids, walks on the beach, and likes a person for who they are. **✆914314**

SM, 6', **ENJOYS** concerts, movies, live plays, having fun, enjoying life, travel, looking for laid-back, cool, nonjudgemental SF, 18-45, for fun and possible LTR. **✆71395**

SM, 32, **ENJOYS** movies, bowling, video games, quiet evenings, walks in the park, seeking affectionate, honest, caring, loving SM, 21-35, for dating. **✆890382**

SBM, 29, 5'11", 165lbs, Jamaican, enjoys tennis, fishing, seeking SBM, 25-30, someone to have fun with, possible relationship. **✆890127**

SWM, ISO SBF, that does not straighten her hair. Must be capable of critical and rational thought. Average-looking, 194lbs, 6'2". **✆828204**

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MALE, 34, **LEO**, N/S, enjoys reading, the gym, the outdoors, the indoors, seeks compatible woman, 30-40, for dating possible relationship. **✆741174**

GREAT EYES. SWM, 31, Aquarius, N/S, 6', 170lbs, fit, cyclist, research analyst, enjoys Bach, seeks honest, affectionate, sincere, humorous woman, 27-35, N/S. **✆699552**

ATHLETIC BM, 6'1", looking for down-to-earth female, 20-47, who likes laughing, music, for true love. **✆68801**

AN OLDER WOMAN, 40-55, wanted for dating, possible LTR. Fun, great-looking, built, younger SWM, 26. **✆72531**

ROMANTIC SBM, 36, 5'8", Gemini, N/S, enjoys lifting weights, church, having fun, the beach, seeks woman, 30-40, N/S, similar interests. **✆843879**

SWM, 37, 5'11", 185lbs, seeking active, fun-loving SF, 28-34, likes trying new things, dining out, museums, more. Friends first, possibly more. **✆917765**

TALL, CHRISTIAN SBM, 21, 6'4", 220lbs, N/S, with children, seeks Christian SBF, 21-99, must be 6'4"/220lbs+, N/S, no children, must be in Silver Springs area. **✆911410**

SM, 5'9", 170lbs, brown complexion, wavy hair, works in transportation, loves riding motorcycles, fishing, basketball, football, seeks open-minded African-American SF, 33-45. **✆904527**

SBM, 31, 6'1", 180lbs, physically and emotionally attractive, loves outdoors, music, and travel. ISO nice, honest, serious lady, without children, for fun and possible LTR. **✆904558**

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'Skins Pony Up for Portis

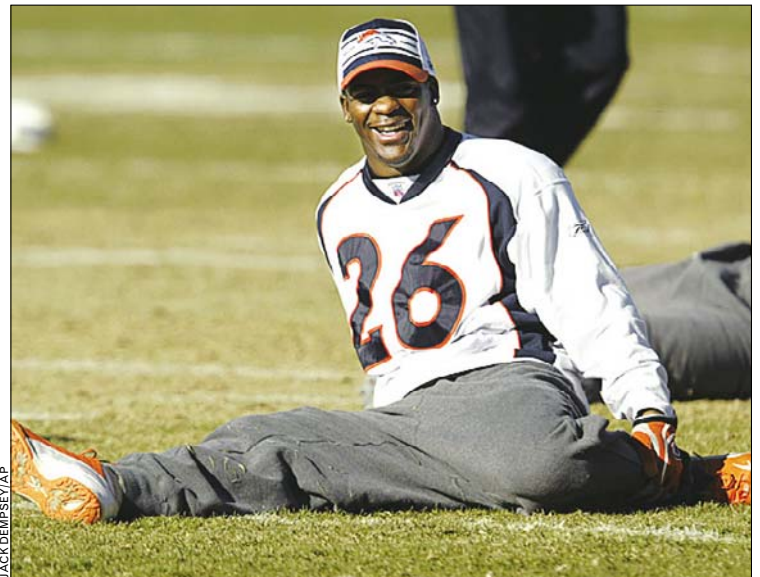
Back agrees to 8-year, \$50.5 million contract to clear path for trade

PRO FOOTBALL | Clinton Portis
agreed to an eight-year, \$50.5 mil-
lion contract with the Washington
Redskins on Monday, while corner-
back Champ Bailey neared com-
pletion of a deal with the Denver
Broncos that would clear the way
for a Portis-for-Bailey trade later
this week.

Portis's deal, one of the richest
ever for a running back, includes
\$17 million in bonus money,
according to Portis's agent, Drew
Rosenhaus. Portis is set to join
quarterback Mark Brunell, who
will be acquired in a trade with
Jacksonville, in a revamped offense
in coach Joe Gibbs's first season
back in Washington.

First, however, the Broncos must
agree to terms with Bailey, who
would be sent from Washington to
Denver along with a second-round
draft pick in exchange for Portis.
Talks have gone well since Bailey's
visit to Denver last week.

Trades cannot officially take
place until the offseason trade



JACK DEMPSEY/AP

THE GRASS IS ALWAYS GREENER... Clinton Portis, seen here stretching as a Denver
Bronco in December, will be one of the highest paid running backs as a Redskin.

and free agency period begins
Wednesday, although they can be
announced before then.

Portis's agreement represents
another aggressive move by big-
spending Redskins owner Dan
Snyder, who didn't have to work
out a new deal for the running back

in order for the trade to take place.
Portis's old, cap-friendly contract
ran for two more years.

Although he wanted a new
deal after making just \$300,000
last season, Washington was
under no deadline to give him one.

JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

What off-season? It may be March, but Tony Kornheiser and Michael Wilbon are
talking about the Redskins | washingtonpost.com/liveonline at 1:30 p.m.

SPRING TRAINING | A STAR IS REBORN



RICHARD DREW/AP

DREAM THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM: Former major leaguer Jose Canseco,
left, runs a 60-yard dash as he participates in an open tryout with the Los
Angeles Dodgers in Vero Beach, Fla. on Monday. A six-time All Star,
Canseco has not played in the majors in 2 1/2 years. In the meantime, he has
faced legal trouble and admitted to using steroids in his career.

Witness: Williams Attempted to Plant Fingerprints on Gun

SOMERVILLE, N.J. | A key prosecution
witness in the manslaughter trial of
Jayson Williams told jurors Monday
the former NBA star attempted to
transfer a slain driver's fingerprints
to his shotgun moments after the
fatal shot was fired.

Kent Culuko, a friend of
Williams, said he was standing
by the door of a bedroom and that
Williams uttered an expletive
moments before driver Costas "Gus"
Christofi was killed. Culuko said
Williams ordered him to move the
shotgun after "trying to lightly touch
Gus's fingerprints to the gun."

Williams is accused of reckless-
ly handling his shotgun, and then
attempting to make the shoot-
ing look like a suicide. Williams's
defense maintains that the shoot-
ing was an accident. (AP)

In Brief

PRO FOOTBALL

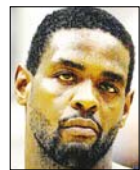
Top Pick Palmer Named Cincinnati's New Starting QB

One year after he was the draft's top pick, Carson Palmer won a starting job. The Bengals promoted Palmer ahead of quarterback Jon Kitna on Monday, placing their future in the hands of a Heisman Trophy winner who has yet to take a snap in the NFL. Kitna won the Comeback Player of the Year award for leading the Bengals into playoff contention last season, but Palmer has the stronger arm and the much bigger contract. (AP)

BASKETBALL

Michigan Board: Webber Was Ineligible in High School

Chris Webber was ineligible when he played basketball in high school



Webber

because of his relationship with Ed Martin, a former University of Michigan basketball booster, the state's governing body for high school athletics has ruled. Martin, who died last year, said he gave Webber and his family \$280,000 from 1988-93. The Michigan High School Athletic Association left it up to the school to decide whether to forfeit games in which Webber played. (AP)

PRO BASKETBALL

Not So Fast: Stackhouse Could Be Back This Season

Two days after Jerry Stackhouse unilaterally declared himself out for the season, the Washington Wizards had him examined Monday and determined he wasn't even an immediate candidate for the injured list. Stackhouse was found to have tendinitis in both ankles, something many NBA players have, and that there were no new problems with his surgically repaired right knee. (AP)

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Revolving Door Swings
Tennessee's Way for No. 1**

Tennessee is getting another chance at No. 1. The Lady Vols replaced Connecticut atop The Associated Press's women's basketball poll Monday after the Huskies were upset by Villanova on Saturday. This change is the fifth No. 1 in the last nine weeks. (AP)

Judge Hands Win to Bryant's Defense

Accuser set to testify in hearing on Tuesday

EAGLE, COLO. | Kobe Bryant's defense team can ask the 19-year-old woman accusing the basketball star of rape detailed questions about her sexual past when she makes her first appearance in court, the judge ruled.

The decision raises the likelihood of a long day for the woman when she testifies behind closed doors Tuesday.

It will be the first time she will be in the same room with Bryant since the alleged attack at a mountain resort last summer.

The defense subpoenaed the woman to testify, saying Bryant has a right to confront his accuser. The move prompted complaints from the prosecution and women's advocates that the defense is simply trying to "embarrass" and "humili-

ate" her.

State District Judge Terry Ruckriegle, however, rejected a prosecution bid to limit defense questioning as he determines whether the woman's sexual conduct is relevant to the case and can be used against her at trial.

Bryant, 25, has said the two had consensual sex. The Los Angeles Lakers star faces four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation if convicted of the felony sexual assault charge.

The woman has told police she had sex with someone two days before the alleged attack, while the defense has said she slept with "multiple" partners that week — including someone less than 15 hours after her encounter with Bryant. JON SANCHE (AP)



Kobe Bryant and defense attorney Pamela Mackey enter the Eagle County Justice Center before Monday's hearing, which turned attention to Bryant's female accuser.

Western Kentucky Red Hot at Italian TV Empire

MASCOTS | A multimillion dollar court case over a goofy red costume is raging between Western Kentucky University and Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi's media empire.

The school argues that a hit satirical news show in Italy ripped off its bubbly sports mascot Big Red and turned it into a character called Gabibbo.

Western Kentucky and the company that licenses Big Red are suing Berlusconi's Mediaset company for \$250 million, an estimate of how much Gabibbo has earned.

Big Red and Gabibbo have hugely different roles: One hypes up the crowd at college sporting events;



Western Kentucky's Big Red is in Rome after a suit was filed by the university.

the other cracks wise and takes up consumer complaints from viewers on a Mediaset channel. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

PRO HOCKEY (7 p.m. on Comcast) The Washington Capitals — or what's left of the team after the many trades — take on the Florida Panthers at the MCI Center.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL (7 p.m. on ESPN) Michigan State can greatly aid its chances of winning the Big Ten by defeating Wisconsin.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL (7 p.m. on ESPN2) Virginia will overtake Maryland in the ACC standings with a win against Wake Forest in Charlottesville.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL (9 p.m. on ESPN2) If Mississippi State is to have the No. 1 seed in the SEC tournament and high seed in the NCAAAs, it must defeat Auburn at home.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO CONF.
New Jersey	36	22	.621	—	8-2 27-10
New York	26	35	.426	11.5	2-8 19-16
Miami	25	35	.417	12	4-6 16-19
Boston	25	36	.410	12.5	3-7 16-24
Philadelphia	24	36	.400	13	3-7 17-21
Washington	18	39	.316	17.5	4-6 11-26
Orlando	17	44	.279	20.5	4-6 13-27

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO CONF.
Indiana	43	16	.729	—	7-3 29-10
Detroit	38	24	.613	6.5	5-5 26-15
New Orleans	32	27	.542	11	6-4 23-17
Milwaukee	32	27	.542	11	6-4 25-13
Toronto	25	34	.424	18	1-9 15-21
Cleveland	24	35	.407	19	5-5 18-19
Atlanta	19	40	.322	24	4-6 12-24
Chicago	17	42	.288	26	4-6 14-19

WESTERN CONFERENCE

MIDWEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO CONF.
Minnesota	43	17	.717	—	8-2 20-12
San Antonio	39	20	.661	3.5	8-2 20-12
Dallas	38	20	.655	4	8-2 23-13
Memphis	35	24	.593	7.5	7-3 20-16
Houston	34	25	.576	8.5	6-4 13-19
Denver	33	28	.541	10.5	4-6 21-18
Utah	30	30	.500	13	6-4 18-19

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO CONF.
Sacramento	43	15	.741	—	8-2 24-13
L.A. Lakers	38	20	.655	5	8-2 19-16
Portland	29	30	.492	14.5	5-5 14-23
Seattle	27	32	.458	16.5	3-7 17-19
L.A. Clippers	25	33	.431	18	3-7 11-21
Golden State	25	33	.431	18	4-6 16-22
Phoenix	20	41	.328	24.5	2-8 12-25

Standings through March 1.

❖ **Big Monday:** For a complete wrap-up of Monday's action in the NBA and NHL, as well as men's and women's college basketball | washingtonpost.com/sports

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHEAST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	35	17	7	5	82	188	148
Florida	23	26	14	3	63	146	167
Atlanta	26	32	6	2	60	178	204
Carolina	20	27	13	4	57	123	157
Washington	20	35	8	2	50	154	198

ATLANTIC	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Philadelphia	33	16	12	6	84	190	154
New Jersey	33	19	11	1	78	157	129
N.Y. Islanders	30	23	9	3	72	183	164
N.Y. Rangers	23	30	7	5	58	169	191
Pittsburgh	13	43	5	4	35	134	250

NORTHEAST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Ottawa	35	16	9	5	84	216	140
Toronto	35	19	3	3	82	188	166
Boston	31	15	13	7	82	168	151
Montreal	33	25	6	2	74	166	150
Buffalo	28	30	6	1	63	166	178

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Detroit	37	17	9	2	85	208	150
Nashville	32	23	7	2	73	165	166
St. Louis	29	25	8	2	68	146	161
Columbus	19	34	8	4	50	141	188
Chicago	18	33	8	5	49	148	190

NORTHWEST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Colorado	33	15	11	5	82	188	147
Vancouver	35	19	7	4	81	187	150
Calgary	32	24	5	3	72	154	142
Edmonton	26	27	10	2	64	172	168
Minnesota	21	25	17	2	61	143	149

PACIFIC	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
San Jose	32	16	11	6	81	168	137
Dallas	32	22	11	0	75	147	142
Los Angeles	25	18	15	7	72	172	170
Anaheim	23	26	9	8	63	147	171
Phoenix	20	26	15	4	59	161	195

Standings through March 1.
One point awarded to overtime losses.

People

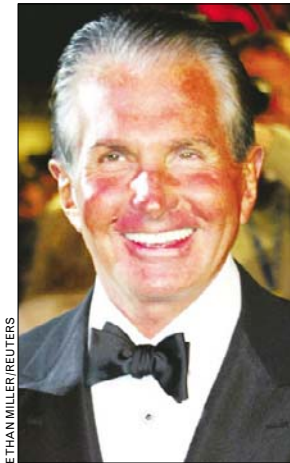


"Peter, I'd like to buy one of your hobbits."

CHRIS PIZZELLO/AP

AFTER-PARTIES Who Let *Them* In?

They washed into the post-awards parties like so much diamond-studded cultural detritus. Peter Jackson had his moment, and then it was time for the Celebrities Who Have Nothing to Do With the Oscars to have theirs. **PARIS HILTON** and sister Nicky were on hand at Elton John's bash, while Vanity Fair's party drew C-listers like interns to an open bar. (EXPRESS)



ETHAN MILLER/REUTERS



CHRIS WEEKS/AP



CHRIS PIZZELLO/AP

Clockwise: Someone left George Hamilton in the oven too long; Carmen Electra blings and blinds; Christina Applegate recoils as Lara Flynn Boyle prepares to suck out her life force.

BLONDES Jessica Simpson Now Legitimate Artist

JESSICA SIMPSON earned her first No. 1 on the Mainstream Top 40 chart this week, reported Billboard. "With You," bumped "The Way You Move" by OutKast from the top position. Simpson's only other No. 1 came in December 1999, when "I Wanna Love You Forever" topped the Hot 100 Singles Sales chart. "With You" is Columbia Records' first non-Beyonce-related No. 1 on the Top 40 chart since January 2000, said Billboard. (EXPRESS)



MARKETING Ohhh, They're Invisible Glasses, That Explains It

The sexiest person alive who wears glasses, according to a new survey of 3,000 American adults conducted by Crizal Alize lenses, is no



other than **BRITNEY SPEARS**. Who, as far as we know, does not wear glasses, at least not in public. The clearly scientific survey also disclosed that 40 percent of respondents said people who wear glasses are perceived as intelligent. And 74 percent associated the profession "librarian" with glasses-wearing. (EXPRESS)

CHILD BRIDES She Was Just 17, If You Know What I Mean

Beyonce's little sister is now a married woman. **SOLANGE KNOWLES**, 17, wed college football player Daniel Smith in a ceremony in the Bahamas over the weekend, according to her record company, Columbia Records.

Beyonce, her parents and Destiny's Child member Kelly Rowland were in attendance. "I am excited about this new phase in my life," Solange said Monday. Solange released her debut CD, "Solo Star," last year. She'll make her feature film debut in "Johnson Family Vacation," due out later this year. (AP)

MILESTONES Singer Works Through Grief

Two of **ERIC CLAPTON**'s Grammy Award-winning songs are gone from his concert repertoire. The guitar legend found, during a series of concerts in Japan, he couldn't perform "Tears in Heaven" and "My Father's Eyes." The songs deal with the loss

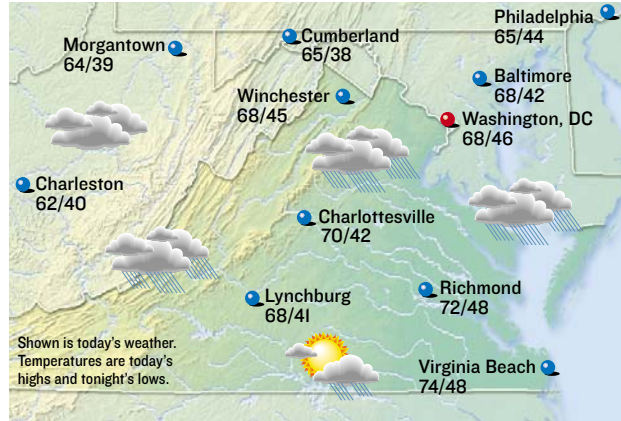
of his 4-year-old son, who died in an accident in 1991. "I didn't feel the loss anymore, which is so much a part of performing those songs," he said. "They're kind of gone and I really don't want them to come back." (AP)



5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Variably cloudy, warm, showers 68°	Becoming partly cloudy, breezy 46°	Partly sunny, breezy, mild 64° / 44°	Mostly cloudy, chance for rain or drizzle 59° / 48°	Partly sunny, warm, showers possible 64° / 50°	Mostly cloudy, a shower possible 66° / 42°

Regional Weather



Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Mon.
Temperature
High 68°
Low 37°
Normal high 50°
Normal low 33°
Average humidity 40%

Precipitation
24 hours ending 4 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.11"
Year to date 3.63"
Last year to date 9.40"
Normal year to date 6.06"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see:
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Regional Forecast

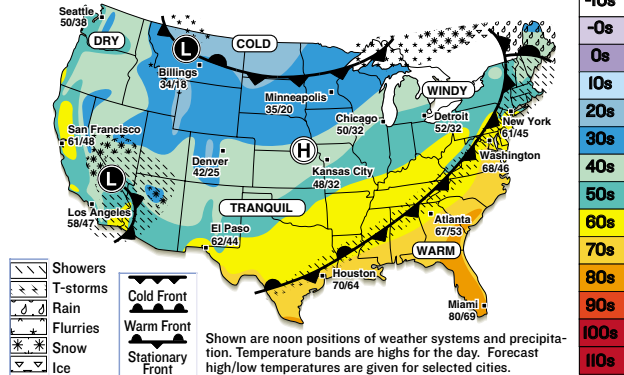
D.C. Metro: Today, variably cloudy, windy, warm, showers, mainly in the morning. High 68. Wind southwest 12-22 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 6:39 a.m.
Sunset tonight 6:02 p.m.
Moonrise today 1:32 p.m.
Moonset today 4:22 a.m.



National Weather for Tuesday, March 2



National Cities

City	Today	Wed.
Atlanta	67/53/c	72/55/pc
Boston	54/40/sh	54/34/s
Chicago	50/32/c	48/36/c
Dallas	62/56/t	68/60/c
Denver	42/25/pc	50/19/c
Honolulu	82/71/pc	84/72/pc
Los Angeles	58/47/sh	64/50/s
Miami	80/69/pc	81/70/pc
New York City	61/45/pc	55/40/s
Orlando	80/60/pc	82/62/pc
Seattle	50/38/s	48/36/r

World Cities

City	Today	Wed.
Amsterdam	43/36/pc	44/32/pc
Athens	59/45/pc	53/40/r
Berlin	39/27/sn	34/19/s
Buenos Aires	75/56/sh	79/61/s
Calgary	26/0/sn	15/5/pc
Dublin	50/41/pc	51/38/c
Geneva	34/23/c	44/31/pc
Moscow	28/4/sn	18/0/sn
Rome	41/30/pc	47/36/s
Sydney	75/56/pc	76/57/s
Tokyo	46/31/pc	41/34/c

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Playback

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

THE LATEST IN A LONG LINE of latests with our transit system: Millions of dollars are disappearing from Metro parking lots and probably have been for years ("Board Lambastes Metro for Thefts," Feb. 27).

Metro wants to raise riders' fees again and subject us to advertising — not to mention the threat of reduced service (what does that mean, two-car trains during rush hour?). Now this revelation of millions of our dollars walking off the parking lots is considered only "an embarrassment"? It's pure mismanagement and the entire Metro board should be held accountable with their jobs. I can hardly wait for the public hearings.

—DANIEL DALY
Centreville, Va.

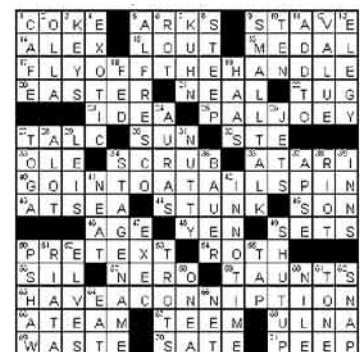
EVERYTHING MAKES SENSE NOW. Metro wants to keep increasing the fares while its parking-lot attendants keep stealing money. Metro needs to clean house before siphoning money from riders. Most of us have no choice but to ride Metro and I think it is absolutely horrible that the theft has probably gone on for years and the riders are the ones being penalized for it. Metro officials should be ashamed.

—BJ TOLIVER
Hyattsville, Md.

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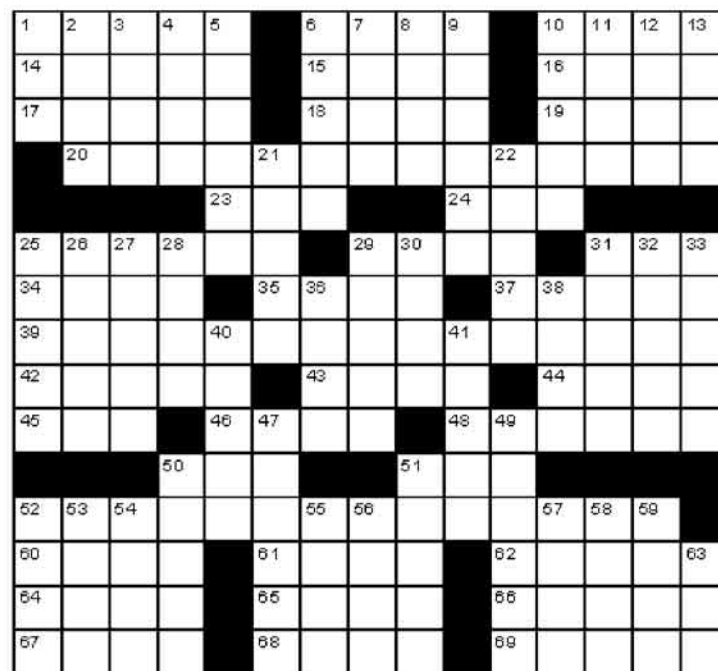
Yesterday's Solution



Crossword Puzzle: Lighten Up! | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

- 1 Hi hi
- 6 Feather-brain
- 10 Crushing news
- 14 King's work
- 15 Anagram of vile
- 16 Anagram of vile
- 17 Knot in a tree
- 18 Cry out for
- 19 Atlas datum
- 20 Fluoresces
- 23 Shade tree
- 24 Fire, so to speak
- 25 Move out
- 29 Overdo the TLC
- 31 Play piece
- 34 Reversed image
- 35 Plumbing problem
- 37 Charmed animal?
- 39 Polished the pumps
- 42 E-mail predecessor
- 43 Fast time?
- 44 Remote button
- 45 Balaam's transport
- 46 Word in a song performed at midnight
- 48 TV screen grid
- 50 Roadie's load
- 51 Perched
- 52 Feels puffed up



- 60 Cornfield measure
- 61 Chills and fever
- 62 Mixologist on "The Love Boat"
- 64 Companion of thick
- 65 Kimono cousin
- 66 Part of UHF
- 67 Type of stool

- 68 "Phooey!"
- 69 Implied
- DOWN
- 1 Director Lee
- 2 Crave
- 3 Decorative window shape
- 4 Apt lunch for

- Superman
- 5 Completely mistaken
- 6 Levi's material
- 7 Word with Dutch or gas
- 8 Japan's legislature
- 9 Outdated
- 10 Wesley Snipes flick

- 11 It equals 100 kuras
- 12 Partner of "done with"
- 13 Like light-colored coffee
- 21 Bob's vehicles?
- 22 Biz bigwigs
- 25 Panoramic view
- 26 Charley horses
- 27 Spring features
- 28 Diarist Frank
- 29 Went to Spago
- 30 Candid
- 31 Give or take
- 32 Minoan's island
- 33 Stun gun
- 36 50 pennies
- 38 Resistance units
- 40 Finals
- 41 Bikini part
- 47 North-bound, on maps
- 49 Courtyard
- 50 Change a bill
- 51 Ream component
- 52 Cotton stuffing
- 53 Sound effect
- 54 High point at the Met
- 55 Hump-backed helper
- 56 Brass member
- 57 Avalon, for one
- 58 Facts and figures
- 59 Bring in
- 63 Kind of burglar

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Horoscope | Stella Wilder

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You may not know what hit you — but the benefits you are likely to enjoy will amaze you and others.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Don't hesitate to offer what you know to be of assistance to others. You may actually ward off an emergency situation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You needn't fear those who fear you; take them under your wing and in no time you'll have a number of new and active supporters.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You should be able to avoid routine dangers with ease — but later on you must use caution, as the unusual may be lying in wait.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Take things slowly. This is a good time to do some special things for yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You are confident that you are doing things right — but you might be missing the small point that will make the difference. Look again.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You can bridge great distances through imagination and persistence. Don't let difficulty hold you back; you have what it takes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You'll be at your best when you are improvising, but don't leave others in the dark when at your peak.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Your fears and

hopes are likely to be intermingled liberally. Look within your own heart and you'll discover a new and valuable yearning.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — It'll be particularly hard to break that bad habit, especially when a friend or loved one is continually nagging you about it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Woe to anyone who offends you, for you are already on edge and may well lash out in a fashion that is startling to behold.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You may decide to change your plans almost arbitrarily — or so it will seem. The fact is, you have reasons for everything.

LIVE ONLINE

Crisis in Haiti

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

ROBERT MAGUIRE, director of International Affairs and Haiti Programs at Trinity College was online Monday to discuss the situation in Haiti.

How much support does Jean-Bertrand Aristide still have in Haiti?

Support of Mr. Aristide had eroded significantly in the past few years, largely because his government couldn't deliver on promises to bring change to the lives of its poor supporters due to lack of resources, and because Haitians became increasingly frustrated and put off by the corruption and political violence attributed to Mr. Aristide. Hence, many in Haiti are relieved to see him go. ... Mr. Aristide, however, maintains a core following in Haiti. His future in Haiti may depend largely on what his political successors are — or are not — able to do.

Isn't Haiti another example of U.S. foreign policy miscalculations?

The U.S. — and the international community — miscalculated badly in 1994, when Mr. Aristide was restored to power. Remember, the Haiti intervention came shortly after the disaster in Somalia. As a result, the U.S. did not "stay the course" and really help to nurture Haiti away from its troubled past. This time, hopefully the U.S. and its allies will make the necessary commitments of resources and staying power to assist Haitians to move away from the past and establish institutions that will not erode quickly. In the end, however, it will be up to the people of Haiti.

Do the rebels promise serious reforms, and what seems to be the likelihood that such promised reforms can actually be delivered?

I have yet to see any position papers or statements — about anything — from the rebels or the political opposition. This has been a struggle for power, not of ideas.

Today on Live Online:

NOON: Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) discusses same-sex marriage and the proposed constitutional amendment.

8 P.M.: Terry Neal, washingtonpost.com chief political correspondent, takes questions and comments on Super Tuesday.

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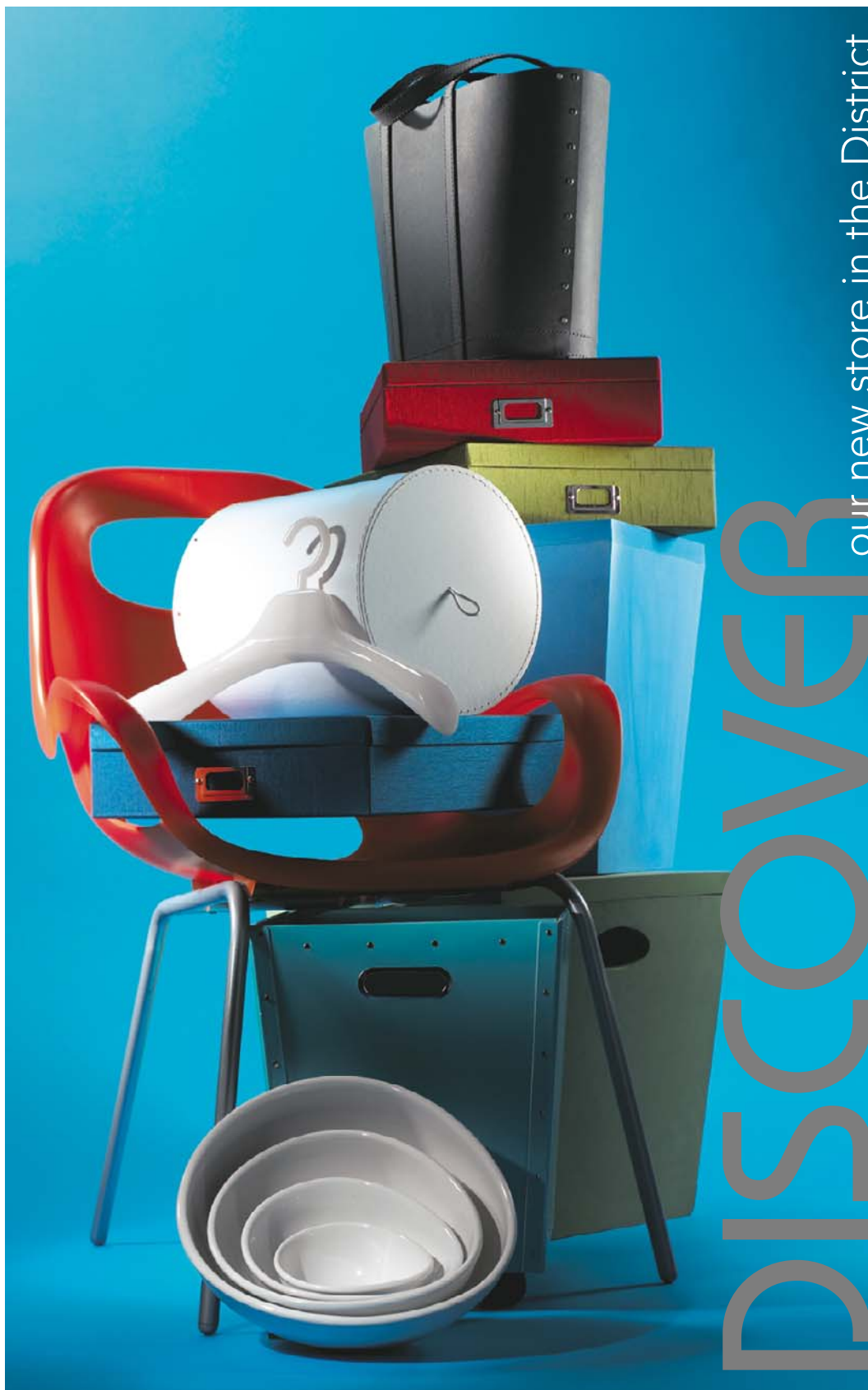
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